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The Times Portfolio competition prize of £2,000 was won yesterday by Miss Jacqueline Tate of Hitchin, Hertfordshire. Portfolio list, page 18; how to play, information service, back page.

On Saturday £42,000 can be won. The weekly prize of £20,000 is doubled because it was not won last week, and to it is added the usual daily £2,000 prize.

Basnett to retire early

Mr David Basnett, aged 61, is to retire this year as general secretary of Britain's third largest union, the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades, leaving a big political gap in the TUC leadership.

Manhattan site sold for £360m

Columbia University is selling its 11.7 acre site under the Rockefeller Centre, in the heart of Manhattan, New York's most expensive district, to the Rockefeller Group, for $400 million (£360 million). The site takes in 13 buildings, including the New York landmark, Radio City Music Hall.

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Talks were continuing last night to resolve a dispute involving Sogat '82, the print union, which led to the *Daily Mail* losing copies, believed to number a million, yesterday.

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Way open for thaw with Libya as Britons are freed

By Richard Dowden

As the four Britons released in Tripoli yesterday morning were enjoying their first hours of freedom after eight months in detention, details of the deal which secured their release began to emerge.

Britain is to make three initial gestures to Libya to acknowledge the improvement in relations after the release of the detainees.

The first is that British visas will be issued in Tripoli on humanitarian and medical grounds. Since the break in diplomatic relations last April Libyans have had to travel to a third country to obtain a visa for Britain and few have been issued. Among the first to benefit may be relatives of the Libyans on trial in Manchester on bomb charges.

The other two gestures are thought to be the offer of talks at a senior diplomatic level and permission for the Libyan representative in London to move back into Libyan property from the Saudi embassy.

For the men and their families the uncertainty is over. The four will spend the day in a Tripoli hotel with Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, who negotiated for their release. They will probably be reunited with their families when they fly back to Britain tomorrow night.

Mr Michael Berdinner, the oldest of the detainees, said: "I feel absolutely stunned but also very relieved."

Mrs Andrea Anderson, the wife of Malcolm Anderson, another detainee, said: "At last I have got something to be happy about. I could not believe it when I heard he had been released. The waiting has been awful."

The release has been welcomed by the Prime Minister and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, said it was the answer to many prayers.

Watched on television by their families in Britain, the four walked unannounced and uncertainly into a press conference in the People's Palace in Tripoli, under a vast portrait of Colonel Gadafi smiling and giving a clenched fist salute.

Mr Mohammed Alhiazi, the spokesman for the People's Congresses, announced at the end of a long speech that a majority were in favour of releasing the four on certain conditions. He then announced: "We can say that the decision is to release the British prisoners".

The conditions were that Britain should release all Libyans detained in Britain, and hand over members of anti-Gadaffi factions, and that the British media should stop "anti-Libya propaganda". It is not clear whether Colonel Gadaffi over-ruled the Congresses by setting aside the conditions or whether they were requests rather than conditions.

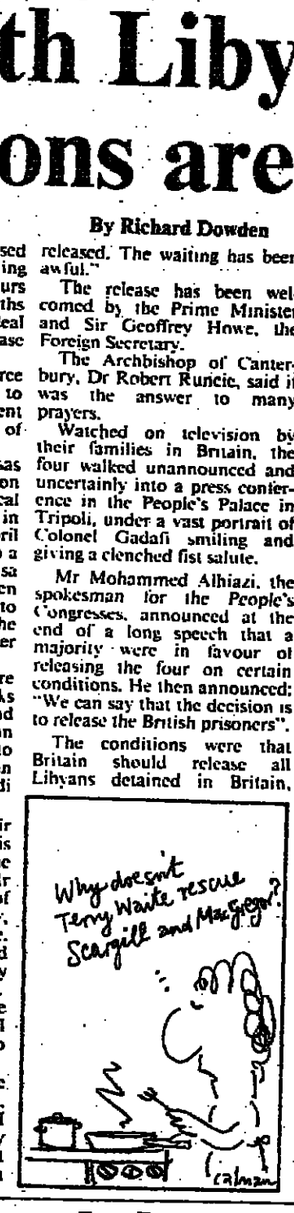
Mr Waite thanked Colonel Gadaffi and the Libyan people for the trust they placed in him. "The question of the break in relations which has affected both the United Kingdom and Libya is one that has caused many human casualties", he said.

In a statement in London Sir Geoffrey Howe said: "I am deeply grateful to Mr Waite for the patience and skill he has shown in the last few months. We have worked closely with him to secure the release of the four men". It is understood that although Britain is looking forward to improved relations with Libya, diplomatic relations are far from being restored and Mr Waite is being encouraged to maintain his contacts in Tripoli.

The four men were arrested in quick succession after an attack on Colonel Gadaffi's barracks by rebels in May. Two other Britons had been arrested earlier but were released last August.

Alan Russell, aged 49, of Holbrook, near Ipswich, had completed an English teaching contract and was waiting to be paid. His visa had run out. He was contacted by the BBC World Service during a news blackout after the attack on the barracks and was charged with breaches of security. On January 6 he was sentenced to

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Lift for Gower: England's captain on the winning side at last after the fifth Test in Kanpur yesterday.

England celebrate victory in India

English cricket looks healthier than it has done since the Mike Brearley era after the fifth Test match against India in Kanpur ended in a draw yesterday. England thus won the rubber 2-1, their first victory in a series abroad since they beat Australia in the winter of 1978-79, and only their third series win in India in 50 years of touring.

India declared their second innings at 97 for one wicket in the forlorn hope of enticing England into going for the 234 runs that would have given them victory. England decided not to risk a winter's work and ended their second innings at 91 for no wicket.

Fittingly, David Gower was there at the finish, 32 not out. His fortunes since taking over the captaincy last summer have swung dramatically. His side lost 5-0 to West Indies, drew ignominiously with the Sri Lankans, and when they were beaten in the opening Test of their Indian tour they were being marked as one of the least successful in the history of the English game.

They recovered, however, to win the Tests in Delhi and Madras, where two players, Fowler and Gatting, scored double centuries in the same innings, the first such instance in Test cricket. England now travel to Australia for a one-day competition.

John Woodcock, page 19

Anzus in crisis over ban on ship

By Henry Stanhope
Diplomatic Correspondent

The Anzus defence pact between Australia, New Zealand and the United States was facing the gravest crisis in its 34-year history last night after New Zealand's refusal to accept a visit by an American warship.

Washington pulled out of next month's Sea Eagle Anzus naval exercise and was later said to be considering retaliatory action against Wellington.

Consultations between the three countries have been hurriedly fixed for later this week and the rift will dominate talks which the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, is having with President Reagan.

It was Mr Hawke, in Brussels, who leaked news of the cancellation of Sea Eagle, which became inevitable with the American withdrawal.

New Zealand's Labour Government, which came to power under Mr David Lange last year, has consistently stated its opposition to port visits by vessels which are nuclear-powered or might have nuclear weapons on board.

As the United States always refuses to disclose whether its ships are nuclear-armed, Mr Lange and his ministers gave the thumbs down to the destroyer Buchanan, which was due to go to New Zealand during Sea Eagle, thus precipitating the crisis.

Mr Lange yesterday denied there was a crisis in the alliance and made clear that the American action had come as no great surprise. But he also insisted that New Zealand wanted to remain in Anzus and that any American decision to leave would amount to a unilateral withdrawal.

The Anzus pact, officially described as the Pacific Security Treaty, was signed at San Francisco in 1951 and came into force the following year.

Its articles oblige the three signatories to consult in the event of a threat to any one of them and to "act to meet the common danger" following an armed attack.

There is no specific commitment in the treaty to accept port visits or anything else in peacetime. But the United States clearly regards the New Zealand action as contrary to the spirit of the agreement.

Experts said last night that intelligence co-operation between the United States and New Zealand in the Pacific and South-East Asia would suffer as a result and that the exchange of information had already begun to decline.

In Canberra, the Australian Defence Minister, Mr Kim Beazley, said discussions would "explore ways in which these defence interests can be separately pursued," but he did not elaborate on the term "separately pursued," and it was not clear whether he meant the exercises or the treaty itself.

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Gibraltar talks 'lay basis of trust'

From Alan McGregor
Geneva

"A significant measure of success" was the assessment by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, of yesterday's discussions in Geneva between British and Spanish delegations on the future of Gibraltar. His Spanish counterpart, Señor Fenando Moran, spoke of "a positive step forward after 200 years".

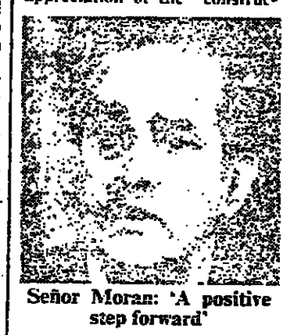
They agreed that working parties of British, Gibraltarian and Spanish officials should start immediately to advance cooperation in aviation, economic and cultural matters, tourism, environment and transport. An early result is likely to be the lifting of restrictions on flights to Gibraltar.

The two ministers will meet at least annually to consider "bilateral and international matters of mutual interest". Discussion of sovereignty would, Sir Geoffrey said, be in the context of these meetings.

"We have today opened the way to improving practical, mutually advantageous co-operation between Gibraltar and Spain," he said. "More important, we have in the process laid the foundations for building trust between all concerned".

A new relationship had been established with Spain without prejudice to Gibraltar's vital interests and democratically expressed wishes, he said, and paid tribute to the Gibraltar Chief Minister, Sir Joshua Hassan.

He also expressed his appreciation of the "constructive and statesmanlike role" of Señor Moran over the past 18 months.



Señor Moran: 'A positive step forward'

Sir Joshua's view of the meeting was: "Very positive, very relaxed, a constructive one in every way".

● LONDON: The Government will never hand Gibraltar's sovereignty to Spain against the "freely and democratically-expressed wishes" of its people, the Prime Minister reaffirmed in the House of Commons yesterday. Mrs Thatcher stressed: "We do cherish the freedom of the people of Gibraltar to decide their own future."

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Pit talks ruled out after Acas review

By a Staff Reporter

The National Coal Board said yesterday that "no negotiations are contemplated" over the 48-week pit strike after a review of the conflict with Mr Pat Lowry, chairman of the conciliation service, Acas.

The prospect of talks was not even discussed and Mr Michael Eaton, chief spokesman for the board, insisted: "The review that took place of the NUM dispute showed no indication of any change in the union's position."

The strike looks certain to drag on for several more weeks.

The latest peace initiative is regarded as dead, but the board has yet to give a full response to the union's letter, offering negotiations without pre-conditions, and when it does the miners will be scrutinizing the communication for any evidence that the board is willing to reopen informal "talks about talks" on an agenda for resolving the dispute.

The board's steadfast refusal to restart the peace process until the union gives a commitment to acceptance of a procedure for the closure of uneconomic collieries is said to have angered the hard core of strikers in the coalfields.

A sign of that reaction was discernible in Lancashire yesterday where the union's area council voted to continue with the strike even though fewer than 2,000 of the 7,500 miners there are not reporting for work, according to the board's figures.

The area council in Durham also voted to back the prolongation of the conflict, even though more than 1,000 miners have gone back in the North-east this week.

The Durham miners are also asking the national executive of the union to recall the national delegate conference to give the strike a fresh impetus and make another call for greater support from other unionists.

More than 664 strikers have crossed the union picket lines for the first time since last March, bringing the number of men who have abandoned the dispute to 2,996 in the first two days this week.

Members of the pit deputies' union, Nacods, have voted 7,013 to 5,495 to accept a 5.2 per cent pay deal back dated to November 1 last, it was announced yesterday.

The union is unhappy about the board's insistance on a written undertaking from the miners that they will accept pit closures on economic grounds, but the voting figures suggest that Nacods will be unable to muster industrial action on the pit closure issue.

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Threat of action to back miners

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

Trade unions are considering disrupting services in London and the South-east next Monday in a day of action in support of the miners which could hit rail services and national newspapers.

Final decisions on whether to call industrial action will not be taken until the end of the week, to minimize the risk of legal by employers, but indications are that some London commuter services, particularly on British Rail's southern region, may be halted.

There were reports last night that King's Cross and Waterloo stations will be disrupted. Rail workers at the Gillingham depot in Kent were also said to be prepared to take action which could lead to cancellations of services into main line stations including Charing Cross, Victoria and Waterloo.

The day of action is being arranged by the South-east region of the TUC and the Kent area of the National Union of Mineworkers. Pickets will be mounted at several power stations and oil distribution depots in the South-east and there will be demonstrations outside the National Coal Board headquarters of the NUM's assets.

Organizers believe that about 20 inner London schools will be closed as teachers, who start a national campaign of industrial action today step up the action for one day. Several polytechnics are also threatened.

There will be a rally in the evening at Central Hall, Westminster with speakers including Mr Tony Benn, Labour MP for Chesterfield.

Mr Callum Macintosh, co-ordinator of the action, said last night: "The aim of the day of action is to step up solidarity behind the miners in order to encourage the Government and the NCB to get back around the negotiating table and reach a fair settlement."

Low pound criticized by Walker

By Sarah Hogg
Economics Editor

Comparison of Britain's economic prospects with those of the United States provided no justification for the present sterling-dollar exchange rate, Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Energy, said yesterday.

He told a conference organized by *The Times* in association with the accountants Peat Marwick, on changes in the City that the currency markets' "primative assessment" on the pound as a petrocurrency was absurd.

The markets had been irrational in marking sterling down twice, he said: once in reflection of the dollar's strength and once when he dollar price of oil drifted downwards" as a technical adjustment to that dollar rise." This Mr Walker described as double counting.

Although Britain was the one leading industrial country that was a net exporter of energy, its "energy riches" were spread across the whole range of resources – coal, oil, gas, "a significant nuclear expertise" and growing command of the technologies of energy efficiency.

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MPs asked to oppose water rise

By Julian Haviland
Political Editor

Thames Water Authority, whose 11,500,000 customers face a 10 per cent rise in water rates next month by government direction, yesterday sent a new appeal to MPs to prevent the increase by voting against it tomorrow.

Mr Roy Watts, chairman of the authority, in a letter to all MPs in the Thames area, has said that the basis of the Government's current cost accounting, which will require loan epayments and forced lending to the Treasury of £61 million next year, is "wrong in principle, wrong in application, generates excessive cash surpluses and is inflationary."

He says that ministers have argued that Thames, because of its low interestburden, has a windfall advantage. But it had a low level of borrowing only because of years of prudent spending and financing policies.

Of 148 MPs whose constituencies are wholly or partly within the area served by the Thames authority, 119 are Conservatives.

The Government last night looked in little danger of defeat, with Conservatives talking of abstaining rather than joining opposition MPs to vote against the Government.

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Syrian envoy questioned

The Syrian chargé d' affaires was called to the Foreign Office yesterday to be told of Britain's "grave concern" after last weeks deportation of four suspected Arab terrorists.

Mr Zouhewir Namani saw Mr Christopher Long, head of the Near East and North African Department. Afterwards, a Foreign Official said that the envoy "was left in no doubt about our grave concern about the circumstances which led to the deportation last week of Syrian passport-holders. He was asked to provide clarification of a number of specific points."

It is understood the envoy was asked to explain why three of the four were travelling on Syrian Public Service passports which suggested they had some connection with the Syrian Government. They were held by police in London for some days and deported.

Polish priest's killer refuses to plead for mercy

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

Polish secret police captain Grzegorz Piotrowski, facing death by hanging for his part in the murder of Father Jerzy Popieluszko, refused to plead for mercy in his final address to court yesterday and in a burst of defiance attacked the prosecutors for suggesting he had links with the CIA or Moscow.

His last speech in the Torun courtroom – sentencing will be tomorrow – was delivered with the calm self-control which has characterized the agent throughout the five-week trial. By contrast, two of his co-defendants, Lieutenants Waldemar Chmielewski and Leszek Pekala, facing 25-year jail terms, sobbed their way through their pleas yesterday.



Piotrowski: Defiant in the face of death

"Even in the face of the gallows, I will not say that it's raining when somebody spits at me... I do not want to talk about my grief and I do not want to ask for mercy because I am not that kind of person," Piotrowski said. "I never denied responsibility but it was never my intention to kill."

The prosecutor had suggested that Piotrowski might have had links with the West, perhaps even Western intelligence agencies, because he had two expensive cars and had helped Poles to get passports to the West. But Piotrowski declared with obvious contempt: "I would be the cheapest CIA spy of all time because the cars I have are fit for the rubbish heap."

The irony is that this dedicated communist, so dedicated that he was enmeshed in a plot to kill the country's most popular priest, is now dependent on the mercy of the Roman Catholic Church.

Most courtroom observers believe Piotrowski will be sentenced to hang as demanded by the prosecutor. But the Church is against the death penalty and may intervene with General Jaruzelski or the Council of State to spare the officer's life.

Perhaps to ingratiate himself with the Church, Piotrowski tried to project a more moderate image of himself. His courtroom attacks were "not an expression of hatred. It is just that we must speak without inhibitions". He did not expect the indulgence of the court – but death was not the point of the operations. "If we had wanted to do it, we could have done it more safely."

The same suggestion was made by Pekala and Chmielewski, but, in contrast to the captain, they expressed great remorse. Chmielewski, whose bleating stammer is instantly recognized by millions of Poles from the daily radio broadcasts, said: "This is the biggest tragedy of my life, not because I am here in dock, but because of the death of a human being, a completely senseless death, flying in the face of all logic, all plans ... I feel like a man with a hump, eternally burdened."

Pekala, the driver of the getaway car, said: "I believed my superiors and when I understood that death was coming, I was too weak to react ... I ask only for a chance to life.

The fourth defendant, Colonel Adam Pietruszka, relied mainly on his defence counsel, Mrs Barbara Marczuk, who in a long, rather flustered speech argued that the colonel had been misunderstood.

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Medical record stripped says seaman at atom test

A former seaman who became ill after witnessing a British nuclear test off Australia claimed yesterday that his medical records had been tampered with.

Mr Henry Carter, aged 62, was one of the last men to leave the frigate, HMS plym, before she was blown out of the water in the test off Monte Bello Island in October 1952.

He told the Australian Royal Commission inquiry in London that he had been on drugs for 15 years and had been denied access to his medical file.

The file was "seven eights to an inch thick", but when he was eventually allowed to see it "it had been stripped".

He told the inquiry: "There was hardly a quarter of an inch of paper. I said to the doctor, 'it is ridiculous, there is nothing left'."

Mr Carter, of Woodlands Road, Hertford, said doctors at two hospitals which had been treating him told him the file was private and classified.

Since the nuclear test, he had suffered from a rash, cataracts in both eyes and asthma. "No doctor will tell me what is wrong with me, but I live on a daily intake of drugs."

Mr Carter said he and his colleagues had been misled about the distance they had been taken away from the ship before it exploded.

"I was told we had travelled about 6 miles, but I think we were sheltering behind the ledge about two miles from Plym.

The inquiry also heard how scientists may have miscalculated the accumulation of fission products in the drinking water used by inhabitants of the remote Australian bush.

Mr Peter McCellan, counsel assisting the commission, put it to a nuclear safety expert, Mr Geoffrey Dale, that his team had overlooked the fact that most rain water would have been collected on the roofs of houses and that the concentration of fission products could therefore be a hundred times greater than the amount stated in Mr Dale's report.

Mr Dale agreed that the initial calculations had not taken into account the possibility of water being collected from a roof.

the inquiry continues today

Taxpayers' power must be heeded, says Biffen

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

Mr John Biffen, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Commons, yesterday defended the Government's current levels of public spending, pointing out that the taxpaying "packhorse" had carried the burden without revolt.

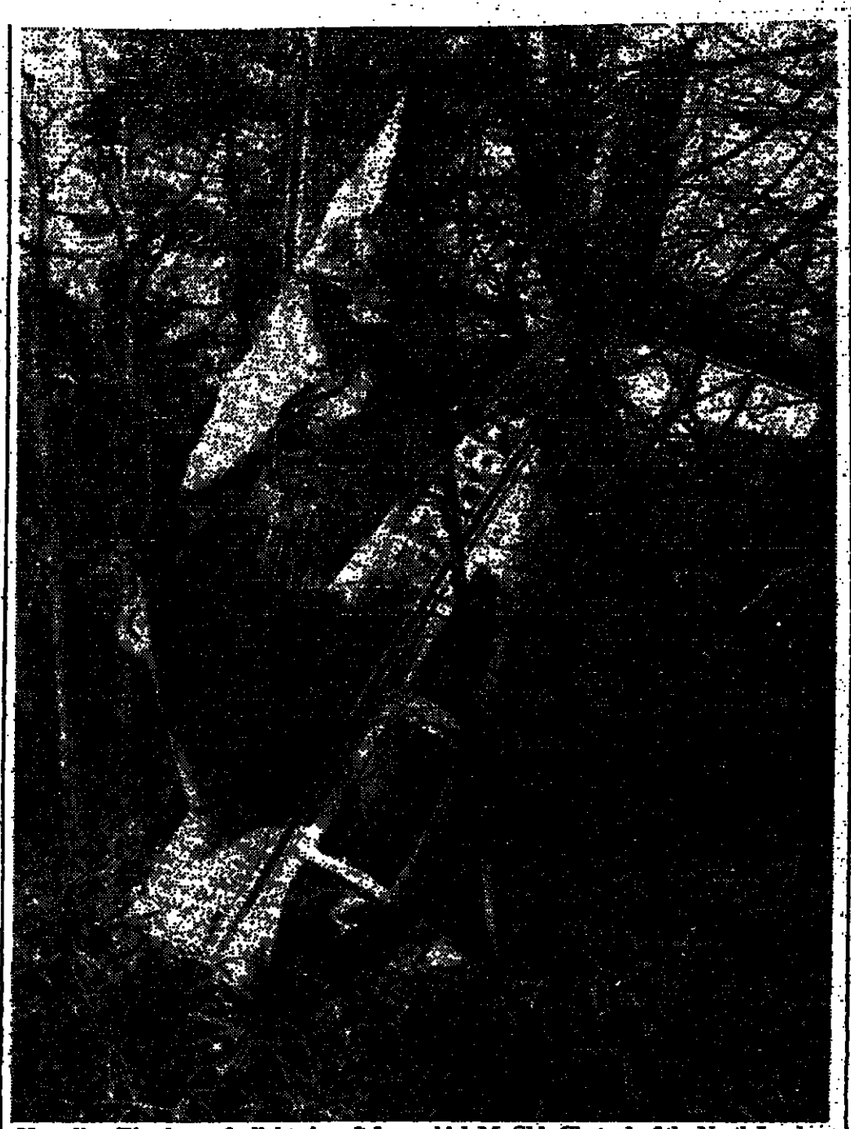
He said at Westminster, in a lunchtime speech to Bradford Tories, that the Government had maintained its spending programme in spite of the recession, and the critics, those who bemoaned "cuts", wanted a return to the bad habits of the 1970s.

Mr Biffen, one of the key Cabinet ministers who arbitrate between the Treasury and Whitehall departments on annual expenditure bids, said that the Government presented a programme of planned and balanced spending. "It is at a substantial level, but within the taxpayers' resources."

Mr Biffen told *The Times* last night that he was conscious of the possibility of taxpayers' revolt, and it was necessary to heed the warning of the taxpayer power as shown in California and Denmark.

When he had spoken of the burden being "within the taxpayers' resources", he had not wished to suggest "that the packhorse can take plenty more".

He said: "What I am saying is that the substantial level of public spending which we now have is being secured without a taxpayers' revolt. But there is athe implication, which I have always argued in the past: 'Don't push you luck too far'.



Nose dive: Wreckage of a light aircraft from which Mr Shiv Chutani, of the North London Flying Club, and two passengers, walked away uninjured yesterday. The aircraft lost power and crashed at Borehamwood, Hertfordshire.

Yorkshire NUM 'spent £3m on pickets'

Yorkshire National Union of Mineworkers spent more than £3 million on financing picketing in the six months to January, a High Court judge was told yesterday.

Mr Richard Slowe, counsel for 19 working Yorkshire miners, told Mr Justice Scott that £2,166,000 had been spent on payments to pickets and £961,000 on other picketing expenses including paying court fines imposed for picket line offences.

Mr Slowe was opposing an application by the area and national miners' unions for the adjournment of the working miners' action for injunctions outlawing mass picketing, due to be heard in a week's time.

The judge refused the adjournment but ruled that the working miners could not include 22 press cuttings listing acts of violence against working miners in their evidence.

● Mr Justice Scott, hearing an attempt by 20 working South Wales miners to obtain an injunction outlawing mass picketing yesterday reserved judgment on the case. He gave no indication of when he will deliver his decision.

The working miners are suing the South Wales area NUM, the national miners' union, and the union leadership including Mr Arthur Scargill, the president.

● The coal board in Scotland said last night there was only a forlorn hope of saving the main production face at the Seafield Colliery in Fife and with it 300 miners' jobs.

This follows the loss of the neighbouring Frances colliery and 500 jobs on Monday, after fire had forced underground rescue teams to seal off the coal face.

Mr Albert Wheeler, Scottish area director of the coal board said that if the main Seafield face was lost the viability of the complex, and by implication the future of 2,300 miners would be in question.

● NUM pickets yesterday foiled a third attempt by safety workers to report for duty at Westoe colliery, South Shields, which is said to have suffered serious underground deterioration.

There was no trouble as the 43 deputies, members of Nacods, were confronted by 200 miners.

Westoe is the only pit in north-east England where Nacods men, who carry out statutory safety inspections, have been prevented from working throughout the dispute.

● A car belonging to Mr Martin Moss, aged 20, a Lancashire working miner of Grange Valley, Haydock, was wrecked on Monday by two men wielding pickaxes, who smashed the windows and lights and ripped through the boot and wings outside his home.

● Mr Kenneth Foulstone, one of the leaders of the working miners campaign in the courts against the NUM appeared before magistrates at Doncaster on three burglary charges yesterday. He was accused of stealing antiques and property worth more than £5,000 in the burglaries which were alleged to have occurred more than seven years ago.

Mr Foulstone was remanded on bail until February 19.

Wasp may have caused fatal crash

A survivor of a school minibus crash in which four members of a football team and the teacher who was driving died, told an inquest yesterday of a wasp that flew into the bus.

Karl Furnival, aged 14, of Park Lane, Wednesbury, West Midlands, said that just before the bus collided with an articulated lorry on Wood Green Road, Wednesbury, last September. "A wasp flew into our minibus, hit me on the side of the head and flew down to where the teacher was driving".

The four boys who died were David Hevican, Christopher Blackham, Timothy Harvey, and Brian John Kinsella, all aged 14. The teacher was Mr Kieran Ruane, aged 26, of the Stuart Bathurst High School, Wednesbury.

In a statement by Mr John Sconce, the lorry driver, which was read out, he said that the approaching minibus "swerved at the last moment over the road in front of me".

The Walsall coroner, Mr Aiden Cotter, recorded a verdict of accidental death in all five cases.

Kidnap case plea of habeas corpus

Solicitors acting for Major Mohammed Yusufu, who is charged with kidnapping Alhaji Umaru Dikko, the former Nigerian minister, in London last July, have been given leave to appeal for a judicial review of his diplomatic status and to apply for a writ of habeas corpus.

The appeal will be heard in the Divisional Court on Friday if the Dikko kidnap trial is postponed.

London News magazine sold

Mr James Sherwood, the American businessman whose London-based Sea Containers shipping group owns the restored Orient Express train, is to announce today that he has bought the 143-year-old *Illustrated London News* magazine from the International Thomson Organization.

Sea Containers, which also bought British Rail's Sealink ferry operation last year for £66 million, plans to make the magazine the basis of a new publishing operation aimed at a wealthy leisure market.

Film goes for 13 awards

The British film *The Killing Fields* has received 13 nominations for the British Academy of Film and Television Arts Awards.

The film, produced by David *Puttnam and directed by* Roland Joffe, is nominated for the best feature category and best direction. There are also four nominations in the performance section, including two for best actor. The awards will be given at ceremonies on March 3 and 5, attended by Princess Anne.

Labour MP to stand down

Mr James Craigen yesterday became the second Labour frontbench spokesman and sixth Scottish Labour MP to announce that he will not be standing at the next general election, thus avoiding the new reselection procedures.

Mr Craigen, MP for Glasgow, Maryhill, is only 46 and had given no earlier indication of his intention to stand down. Although he had faced difficulties with the left in his general management committee, he had been confidently expected to be reselected.

'Gay' libel admitted

The publishers and editor of the Magazine *Mister* yesterday admitted libelling Mr Jeremy Pitts, a student, in an article which allegedly portrayed him as a practising homosexual.

They had denied libel at the beginning of the High Court trial, which continued today. The jury will now have to decide the amount of damages.

Parachute death

An Army major died yesterday after his parachute failed at 2,000 ft above Netheravon airfield, Wiltshire, home of the Joint Services Parachute Centre. He was on an instructors' course.

Husband held

Brian Harris, aged 49, an optician of Cottesmore Place, Blackpool, was remanded in custody for a week by Blackpool magistrates yesterday, accused of murdering his wife Edna on Sunday.

Pedal power

Lifeboatmen at Walton, Essex, have been given six old Post Office bicycles so they can pedal to their station at the end of a 400 yard pier, saving about five minutes.

Correction

Francis Mathew was appointed Manager of *The Times* in June 1949, not office manager as stated in the Bicentenary magazine *The Times: Past Present Future*. He died on March 29, 1965, not May 29 as stated.

Councils defy teachers

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

The National Union of Teachers takes industrial action today in the knowledge that many members will lose pay.

More than 15 local councils have said they will deduct pay where teachers refuse to cover for absent colleagues. They include Sheffield, Bexley, Kent, Birmingham, Staffordshire, North Yorkshire, Solihull, Clwyd, Durham, Buckinghamshire, Nottinghamshire, Norfolk, Sunderland, Suffolk, Lincolnshire and Devon.

It was being suggested yesterday that today's industrial action may contravene last year's Trade Union and Labour Relations Act.

The Council of Local Education Authorities claims that covering for absent colleagues and attending parent and staff meetings is part of teachers' contracted duties.

● The Scottish Office plans to protect Scottish children's examinations from the effects of disruption by teachers, now in their fourth week of selective strike action, by allowing results to be calculated on written papers only.

Speaker to examine lobby ban

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

The government ban on civil servants taking time off to lobby MPs over the proposed closure of skillcentres is to be investigated by the Speaker of the House of Commons as a possible breach of parliamentary privilege.

Mr Bernard Weatherill told MPs that he would examine the issue "most carefully" after Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Party leader, said the right of citizens to see their MPs was a "jealously guarded privilege".

Civil Service staff at the skillcentres have been told that they will be considered to be on strike and have their pay docked if they use annual leave to attend the lobby at the Commons next Tuesday, to protest at the planned closure of up to 29 of the Manpower Services Commission's 87 skillcentres, with the loss of more than 1,000 jobs.

Mr John Randall, deputy general secretary of the Civil Service Union and organizer of the lobby, said last night that he was delighted with the Speaker's decision.

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Ex-MP denies terror role

From Richard Ford, Belfast

A leading Provisional Sinn Fein member last night denied that he was the commanding officer in Co Fermanagh of his party's military wing, the Provisional IRA.

Mr Owen Carron, a former Provisional Sinn Fein MP and now abstentionist assembly member for Fermanagh south Tyrone, denied "absolutely" leading terrorists in the area and accused the Rev Ivor Foster, an assembly member for the same constituency, of deliberately setting him up as a target for Protestant paramilitaries.

Mr Foster, a Democratic Unionist Party assemblyman, claimed under privilege during an adjournment debate of the Assembly that Mr Carron was officer commanding the provisionals in Fermanagh.

Ponting cites Treasury ruling

Clive Ponting, the civil servant accused of breaking the Official Secrets Act, yesterday told a jury that he had acted out of duty in leaking papers on the sinking of the General Belgrano.

Mr Ponting said before he sent the papers he had studied a Treasury note given to the select committee on public accounts in 1978 on the Official Secrets Act and officials' responsibilities.

It noted that an official trying to correct an error of evidence could take up the matter. There would be no breach of the Official Secrets Act if the information was given to a committee or to the House of Commons.

Mr Ponting said that he might have made a wrong choice in passing the papers to Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, but none the less Mr Dalyell was a man of considerable integrity who acted correctly after the papers were delivered.

Mr Ponting, aged 38, who has denied breaching the Act by passing the papers last summer, faced cross-examination by Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, on the seventh day of his trial at the Central Criminal Court.

The two leaked documents are a draft of a reply to questions by Mr Dalyell and a memorandum on the strategy for answering questions from the Select Committee on Foreigh Affairs about rules of engagement during the Falklands War.

Mr Ponting told Mr Amlot there was a clear military case for attacking the Belgrano. He had seen the Foreign Office material and he had been given nothing to support the contention that the ship was sunk to end a Peruvian peace plan.

Mr Amlot suggested that the information Mr Ponting had provided would draw ministers into areas covering intelligence which they could not disclose. Mr Ponting replied: "The fact that at the end of the day there may be intelligence information involved does not mean that no questions are ever answered about a particular project". Either the information is classified and cannot be released or unclassified and can".

Mr Amlot asked him if he accepted a situation where Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, was the one who decided where to draw the line. Mr Ponting said Mr Heseltine could not draw the line "where he is attempting to cover up information which might be politically embarassing".

The memorandum from Mr Heseltine would have given the select committee data that was "highly slanted material which suggested they did not need to go any further with their inquiries", Mr Ponting said.

The hearing continues today.

Final plea for PWR at Sizewell

By Pearce Wright

The case for building the £1,200 million PWR-type nuclear power station at Sizewell had strengthened in the two years since the public inquiry into the plan began, Lord Silsoe, QC, said yesterday.

Starting a final submission which is expected to take three weeks, Lord Silsoe outlined each area of criticism from objectors which would subsequently be answered in detail.

He said the Central Electricity Generating Board's three main arguments for the American-type PWR (pressurized water reactor) remained strong: it would be economic, provide fuel diversity and establish the option of the PWR.

Lord Silsoe rejected the argument by the South of Scotland Electricity Board that British technology would suffer and that if one PWR was permitted "you can say goodbye to the AGR (advanced gas-cooled reactor) in the future".

He said that because of delay to the project the need for new plant to meet future electricity requirements was more relevant. The "central" estimate for commissioning the station was April 1994.

"If the CEGB is to be allowed to do the job set for it by statute then Sizewell B makes sense on several grounds", he said.

Centres for homeless to close

By Our Social Services Correspondent

The Department of Health is to close its 23 resettlement units and re-establishment centres, which provide a mix of "dosshouse" and retraining for the homeless and rootless. It will spend the £15 million a year – saved on helping voluntary organizations and local authorities to provide the facilities.

The units provide 2,000 beds dotted around the country units from Glasgow to Brighton, and 500 training places for the long-term unemployed in the re-establishment centres. The most famous, the Camberwell "spike", is already scheduled to close at the end of the year. The department plans to close eight others in Brighton, Derby, Liverpool, Glasgow, Newcastle, Bridgend, Manchester and Bristol over the next three years, to avoid "wasteful" capital expenditure on what the department says are often little more than isolated and decrepit post-war Nissen huts.

The seven other units in London will not close until more experience has been gained from the Camberwell run down. The others outside London will be closed over a longer period and the re-establishment centres, usually linked to the re-settlement units, will be closed "as soon as possible".



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Health service waiting lists

Patients' guide to cutting queues

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Inner-city health authorities which have been affected by financial cuts are refusing to take some patients from other districts and regions, the College of Health said yesterday.

In its second guide to National Health Service waiting lists, showing how patients who are prepared to travel can get quicker treatment, the college says the effectiveness of the scheme could be torpedoed by the new economies.

Consultants who alerted the college asked not to be named, the college said, and administrators "would only admit that restrictions were being discussed. Several told us that they suspected that any such moves would be against the National Health Service Act".

The college says the main conclusion from its guide is that most patients who have been waiting more than a year – almost 225,000 of the 690,000 on waiting lists at the last count – are "victims of a highly localized problem. Most districts where there is a long wait for a particular branch of medicine are in a region which contains another district, often quite near by, where there is only a short wait".

But the college says it is worried about queue jumping through private practice when consultants can suggest, subtly or not, that patients can get quicker treatment by paying.

It quotes the case of an elderly woman with with eye trouble who was told she faced a two-year wait for an operation but could be treated privately in two weeks if she paid £750. Unable to pay, she sought a second opinion from a consultant who told her the operation was not needed.

The college is asking the public to let it know about experiences in being offered private practice. For the consultant to suggest it would be "an abuse of his power" and "it would be still worse if it ever happened that the ordinary waiting lists in a hospital are kept a bit longer than they should be to strengthen the case for NHS patients to go private".

Guide to Hospital Waiting Lists: College of Health, 18 Victoria Park Square, Bethnal Green, London E2 9PF; £1 to members, £2.50 to non-members.

LONG AND SHORT WAITING LISTS IN EACH REGION

Key: 1. General Surgery; 2. Ear, nose and throat; 3. Plastic surgery; 4. Oral surgery; 5. Trauma and orthopaedics; 6. Ophthalmology; 7. Gynaecology; 8. Urology.

Long wait	Short wait
NORTHERN REGION	
Hartlepool 3	Hartlepool 1,7
N Tees 7	N Tees 5
S Tees 1,2,6,8	E Cumbria 2,6
E Cumbria 1,5	S Cumbria 2,5,7
Darlington 2,4	Durham 5
Durham 1	N W Durham 1,3,7
Newcastle 8	S W Durham 6
	Gateshead 5,7
	Newcastle 4,7
	N Tyneside 1,2
	S Tyneside 1,7
	Sunderland 1
YORKSHIRE REGION	
Hull 1,2,7	Hull 6
Grimsby 2,5	E Yorks 1
Scunthorpe 6,4	Grimsby 1,4
York 7	Northallerton 1,5,7
Harrogate 1	York 2,5,6,8
Huddersfield 2	Scarborough 1
Leeds W 2,5	Harrogate 5,6
Leeds E 7	Bradford 8,3
Pontefract 2	Airedale 1,4
	Calderdale 2,5
	Huddersfield 1,7
	Dewsbury 7
	Leeds W 7
	Leeds E 2
	Wakefield 5
	Pontefract 7
TRENT REGION	
N Derby 1,6	Leicestershire 6
S Derby 7	Barnsley 2,5,4
N Lincs 1	
S Lincs 1,5,7	
Bassetlaw 1,5,7	
C Notts 1,2,5,4,7	
Nottingham 2,3,7	
Barnsley 1,6	
Doncaster 1,2,5	
Rotherham 7	
Sheffield 1,5,8	
W MIDLANDS REGION	
Bromsgrove & Redditch 6	Herefordshire 6,4
Herefordshire 1,3	Kidderminster & District 4
Shropshire 1	Worcester &
Mid Staffs 1,4	District 5
N Staffs 5,6,7	Mid Staffs 5,7
Rugby 1	N Staffs 8,3
N Warwicks 3	S E Staffs 7
S Warwicks 5,4	Rugby 5,7
C Birmingham 2,8	C Birmingham 6
E Birmingham 1,2,6,8	N Birmingham 4
N Birmingham 5,6	W Birmingham 1,8,7
S Birmingham 2,5,8	Dudley 2
W Birmingham 6	Sandwell 7,8
Coventry 1,2,5,8,4,7	Wolverhampton 2
Dudley 4,7	
Solihull 5	
Walsall 1,2	
Wolverhampton 6	
MERSEY REGION	
Crewe 1,8,4	Chester 1,2,7
Macclesfield 1,5,7	Warrington 2,6
Warrington 1,5	Liverpool 6,3
St Helens 7	St Helens 1,8
Southport & Formby 7	S Sefton 8
S Sefton 5	Wirral 8,7
NORTH WEST REGION	
Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde 2,4,7	Preston 2,8
Preston 5,7	Blackburn, Hyndburn, Ribble 7
Blackburn, Hyndburn, Ribble 2,8,4	W Lancs 2
Burnley, Pendle, Rossendale 2,5,6,8,7	Bolton 4
Chorley & S Ribble 7	Bury 1,2,5
Bolton 8	N Manchester 1,5,3
C Manchester 5,8	C Manchester 2,7
Oldham 2,5,6,4	S Manchester 3
Rochdale 6,7,3	Rochdale 2
Salford 7	Salford 4
Stockport 1,4	Stockport 5
Tameside & Glossop 1,5	Tameside & Glossop 2
Wigan 8	Trafford 2,5,8
E ANGLIA REGION	
Cambridge 2,6	Peterborough 8,4,7
Norwich 5,8,8,4,7	W Suffolk 2,6,4,7
Gt Yarmouth & Waveney 1,2,5,4	E Suffolk 2,4
	Gt Yarmouth & Waveney 6
	Huntingdon 1,2
NW THAMES REGION	
N Herts 5	N Beds 8,7
SW Herts 2,6	S Beds 1,5
Hillingdon 8	N Herts 6
Hounslow & Spelthorne 2	E Herts 1,2,5,7
Ealing 5	NW Herts 1,7
Brent 2,4	SW Herts 4
Hammersmith & Fulham 5,3	Barnet 5
	Harrow 1,5,8,7
	Hillingdon 2,7
	Hounslow & Spelthorne 6,3,7
	Ealing 7
	Brent 1,5,7
	Paddington & N Ken 5,8,7
	Victoria 1,5,8,6,4,7
NE THAMES REGION	
Basildon & Thurrock 1,4	Mid Essex 1
Mid Essex 8,4	NE Essex 4,7
Southend 7	W Essex 7
Hampstead 3	Southern 1
Tower Hamlets 1,2,5,4	Hampstead 1,8,4
Enfield 2	Bloomsbury 8
Harringey 6	Islington 1,8,4
Waltham Forest 2,8	City & Hackney 3,4
	Enfield 1
	Harringey 4,7
	Redbridge 1,7
	Waltham Forest 1,6,4,7
SE THAMES REGION	
Brighton 8	Brighton 6
Eastbourne 7	Eastbourne 5
Canterbury & Thanet 6,7	Hastings 7
Dartford & Gravesham 8	Canterbury & Thanet 1
Maidstone 1	Dartford & Gravesham 1,5
Medway 5	Maidstone 5,7
Tunbridge Wells 2,5,4	Medway 7
W Lambeth 1,5	Tunbridge Wells 8
Camberwell 3,4	Bexley 4,7
	Greenwich 6,4,7
	Bromley 7
	W Lambeth 7
	Camberwell 1,2,6,7
SW THAMES REGION	
NW Surrey 7	NW Surrey 8
M Surrey 7,6	W Surrey & NE Hants 6
Chichester 5,6,7,4	Merton & Surrton 5,6,8
Worthing 5	SW Surrey 8
Kingston & Esher 1,4	M Surrey 2,5
Richmond, Twick. & Roe. 1	E Surrey 3,8,7
Wandsworth 3	Chichester 2,3
Merton & Sutton 7	Worthing 1,3
W Surrey 6	Croydon 4
NE Hants 8	Wandsworth 1,2,6,8,7
WESSEX REGION	
Portsmouth & SE Hants 1,8	Portsmouth & SE Hants 4,7
Southampton & SW Hants 1,2,5,4	Southampton & SW Hants 6
Winchester 5,6	Winchester 8,7
Basingstoke & N Hants 2,4	Isle of Wight 1,5,6,7
Salisbury 7	
Bath 4	
OXFORD REGION	
E Berks 2,3	E Berks 5
Aylesbury Vale 1,5	W Berks 1,5,6
Kettering 5,7	Aylesbury Vale 2,6,3
Northants 1,5,7	Wycombe 2,5,7
	Milton Keynes 1,5
	Kettering 4
	Northants 2,6,4
	Oxfordshire 6,8,4
SOUTH WEST REGION	
Frenchay 2,4	N Devon 1
Cornwall & I of Scilly 1,2,4,7	Cheltenham 5,6
Plymouth 8,7	
Torbay 6	
Gloucester 2,7	
Somerset 8,4,7	
WALES	
Withybush 1,5	Ystyty Glan Clwyd 2,4,1
Nevill Hall 7	Maelor Gen 1,7
Prince Charles 1,7,5	Bronglais 1,2,5,8,7
University Hospital Cardiff 2,6,8	West Wales Gen 7,1,5
Morriston 1,4	Caernarvonshire & Anglesey G 4
Singleton 8	Bridgend 5
H M Stanley 6	Morriston 5
E Glamorgan 2,5,7	Singleton 2,4,7
	Neath 1,5
	Llanelli Gen 1
	Llandough 7
	Wrexham War Memorial 5

Note to table
Definitions of "long" and "short" vary by specialty and are a guide to relative length only.

Aids case jail put in quarantine as officers demand inquiry

By David Nicholson-Lord

Prison officers' leaders are meeting Home Office officials today in an attempt to resolve the effective "quarantine" imposed on Chelmsford prison by staff after the death last week of the Rev Gregory Richards, its homosexual prison chaplain, from Aids.

The Prison Officers' Association yesterday banned the movement of inmates from Chelmsford, Essex, because of fear of infection. Coaches carrying young offenders and their escorts were refused entry at Wellingborough Prison, Northamptonshire, and Onley Prison, near Rugby, in Warwickshire.

Mr Colin Steel, national chairman of the association, accused the Home Office prisons department of being "highly irresponsible" in transferring inmates before an inquiry could establish whether there was any risk of Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) being spread.

Up to 30 inmates had been moved from Chelmsford since the death last Thursday of Mr Richards, aged 38. "The only construction one can put on it is that they are getting people out of Chelmsford as fast as they can," Mr Steel said.

The Home Office insisted, however, that there was no "untoward" movement of prisoners. "There is no reason whatsoever to quarantine Chelmsford," it said.

Dr Tony Kirkland, the Mid Essex Health Authority's medical officer, visited the prison at the request of its medical officer and sought to allay fears.

Mr David Johnson, the authority's district general manager, said staff fears were groundless. The authority's has decided on advise from the Department of Health and Social Security not to attempt to trace Mr Richards' contacts, particularly those in the homosexual London clubs the chaplain visited.

Mr Johnson added: "There is no evidence whatsoever of any circumstances which would put the prisoners or the staff at Chelmsford at risk."

Dr Kirkland confirmed that two nurses at the Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, where Mr Richards died, had been given blood tests but described those as routine.

Mr Steel said: "When a prison officer says he works at Chelmsford people take 50 paces backwards and start calling for protective clothing. We want to know the facts."

Mr Richards was cremated at an emergency service in a back room of the Chelmsford crematorium on Monday night.

Mr Richards's mother, June, and his stepfather, Alec, had flown in from Australia for the cremation. Crematorium staff called in a council safety inspector and insisted that the 10-minute service should not be held in the usual chapel.

The body was burned at a maximum 1,200 degrees for five times the normal duration.



Variety awards: Maureen Lipman, who was named stage actress of the year, and George Cole (left) and Dennis Waterman, joint ITV personalities of the year for their roles as Arthur and Terry in *Minder*, by the Variety Club of Gt Britain yesterday.

Among the recipients of awards was Terry Wogan, named as showbusiness personality of the year.

Boy George was named recording artist of the year, Paul Eddington was top stage actor for his performance in the Chichester Festival production of *Forty Years On*, and David Jason won the BBC TV personality award for his performance in *Only Fools and Horses*.



Couple and son are battered to death at a seaside club

By Michael Horsnell

The police were last night hunting the killer of a couple and their son who were found battered in their flat above a harbourside club in West Sussex.

The bodies of Mr George Teed, aged 48, licensee of the Lighthouse Club at Shoreham, his scond wife Hilda, aged 38, and their son David, aged 13, were discovered by the couple's daughter-in-law on Monday night.

The police said they knew of no motive and no weapon has been found.

Mrs Kirsty Teed, wife of Mr Teed's elder son Paul by his first marriage alerted the police afer returning from a day out with her husband. The couple live in a flat adjoining the club.

The victims had last been seen alive at 3 am on Monday and were in their night clothes when they suffered severe head injuries.

Mr Teed, a popular and experienced licensee orginally from Leeds, and his London-born wife are believed to have recently experienced minor difficulties with youngsters at discotheques at the club.

The family had probably not gone to bed before the attack. They were found in three seperate rooms and in two there were indications of a struggle.

Det Supt John McConnell, leading the murder hunt, said: "The attacker or attackers are likely to be bloodstained. We want anyone who saw or heard anything suspicious between 3am and 8pm on Monday to contact us."

Detective have found no obvious sign that the flat had been burgled.

The murdered couple and their son moved to Shoreham only three months ago to realize the ambition of running their own establishment. For eight years Mr Teed had been the steward of a sports complex at Purley, Surrey.

The family's great dane Tarquin, whom police described as a placid animal, was in the flat when the attack took place but was unharmed.

Libyan feared Gadaffi hit squad

A Libyan whose Citroen car was destroyed in a Manchester bomb explosion told a court yesterday that he had feared he could have been the target of a group from his native country.

Mr Ahmed El Aneizi told Manchester Crown Court that he had left Libya for Britain in 1979 because he "disagreed with some of the things that were happening there." Two of his family and several of his tribe had been killed by troops loyal to Colonel Gadaffi.

On the morning of the explosion, in the Whalley Range district of the city in March last year, Mr El Aneizi said he had been woken by a ringing at the door of his flat in Alness Road. He did not open it because he did not know who was there.

He told the jury on the second day of the trial of four Libyan students on bomb charges: "They were saying on the Radio and TV that Libyans were in danger and there was a group of people going to commit crimes against Libyans.

The court has been told his car was destroyed in the blast and that the house was damaged when bomb disposal experts tried unsuccessfully to neutralize a second device allegedly planted on a basement windowsill.

The accused, all described as students an all with Manchester addresses, are: Mohammed Shiabak, aged 25, from Longsight; Abdulsalam Shnayb, aged 19, from Cheetham; Khalid Mansoor, aged 23, and Tahe Abouzoz, aged 23, bot from Crumpsall. They deny conspiring to cause an explosion or explosions between January 1 and March 12, 1984.

The case continues today.

'Knifeman sent by God'

From Tim Jones
Cardiff

A farmer accused of attempting to murder his wife with a car bomb told the police he was defending himself from a knife attack when he killed his neighbour with a shotgun, Bristol Crown Court heard yesterday.

In a statement Mr Graham Backhouse said his neighbour Mr Colyn Bedale-Taylor, said: "It is God's will", as he lunged at him.

The prosecution claims that Mr Backhouse, of Horton, Avon, wanted to collect £100,000 in insurance on his wife and lured Mr Bedale-Taylor to his home as a "scapegoat" to divert suspicion from himself for the bomb.

Mrs Margaret Bedale-Taylor told the court her husband would not have known how to make a bomb and had no reason to feel antagonism towards the Backhouses.

In his statement, read by Mr Lionel Read, QC, for the defence, Mr Backhouse said he was surprised when Mr Bedale-Taylor called at his farmhouse and told him he had come to repair furniture.

"I told him I had no furniture to repair. He said God had sent him." Mr Bedale-Taylor asked Mr Backhouse why he had killed his son. "I reminded him his son had been killed in a car accident."

Later, according to the statement, Mr Bedale-Taylor said he had planted the car bomb. Mr Bedale-Taylor then lunged at Mr Backhouse with the knife

Mr Backhouse said: "I ran into the hallway and grabbed a gun and Bedale-Taylor was still after me. I shouted I had got a gun but he still kept coming and I shot him. He fell back and I shot him again and that was it."

Mrs Bedale-Taylor, a civil servant, said her husband was physically strong, but not violent. After hearing medical evidence that her husband had received reatment for depression Mr Read suggested he had probably developed a mental illness of a delusion kind. Mrs Bedale-Taylor said: "It is rubbish".

The case continues today.

Concorde set for 17-hour Sydney record

A British Airways Concorde is expected to set new records between Britain and Australia next week with a 17-hour flight from London to Sydney.

That compares with 23½ hours by the fastest subsonic jetliner.

The Concorde, flying out a week today, will be on charter to Cunard, for whom it will deliver and pick up passengers for the liners Queen Elizabeth 2 and Sagafjord, both cruising out of Sydney at the time. It will stop at Bahrain, Colombo, and Perth to re-fuel. The return flight will enable Sydney passengers, for the first time, to reach London the same day.

Louise Brown to get test-tube trio as neighbours

A Bristol woman has given birth to girl test-tube triplets after listening to the advice of her neighbour, Mrs Leslie Brown, the world's first test-tube baby.

Mrs Jayne Chaplin, aged 30, and her husband Brian used the same fertilized egg implant treatment which led to the birth of Louise Brown six years ago.

Mrs Chaplin's fallopian tubes were blocked and the couple decided to spend £8,000 for treatment by Dr Patrick Steptoe. The Chaplin's have named one of the girls Natalie, after Louise Brown's sister

Computer training for women

By Bill Johnstone,
Technology Correspondent

A training workshop to help women to become familiar with computing and electronics is to be set up in the West Midlands.

Recent studies have shown that women without specialized training are disadvantaged in the economy, particularly those with no computer expertise. The training will be aimed primarily at unemployed women and those wishing to return to work after having children. It will be for 20 hours a week for three months and will be arranged around school hours.

The centre aims to provide high technology experience in an attempt to find employment for the trainees.

The organizers say: "We are still fighting the attitude that only certain areas of work are appropriate for women and we are trying to overcome the resistance to their participation in new technology skills".

Patient 'full of praise for home'

Three days after moving into an old people's home at Westgate, Kent, Mrs Norah Kirby wrote in glowing praise of it, Maidstone Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mrs Kirby, aged 84, of Steyning, West Sussex, wrote: "Here I am welcome" in a letter to Mr Peter Tayolr, a friend and an executor of the John Ireland Charitable Trust founded by Mrs Kirby in memory of the English composer.

Mr Maxwell Tillings, aged 46, and his wife Sylvia, aged 39, the owners of the home, of Sea Road, Westgate, have pleaded not guilty to a total of nine charges, including theft, attempted theft, unlawfully administering drugs, and deception.

Mr Kirby said that he protested when he heard that Mrs Kirby, who died in November 1982, was to be buried at Margate. He told Mrs Tillings that she had wanted to be buried at Shipely where John Ireland was buried.

The trial continues today.

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40	44	2,111	1,112	1,224	4,447	2,111
45	49	2,089	1,101	1,212	4,402	2,089
50	54	2,061	1,086	1,195	4,342	2,041
55	59	2,034	1,072	1,180	4,286	1,912
60	64	2,012	1,060	1,167	4,239	1,670
65	69	1,975	1,041	1,146	4,162	1,422
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40	44	5,445	2,870	3,158	11,473	5,445
45	49	5,388	2,839	3,125	11,352	5,388
50	54	5,319	2,803	3,085	11,207	5,266
55	59	5,250	2,767	3,045	11,062	4,935
60	64	5,198	2,739	3,015	10,952	4,315
65	69	5,107	2,691	2,962	10,760	3,678
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M6 congestion

Local commuters face ban

By Craig Seton

Local commuters could be banned from the M6 in Birmingham at peak times. This scheme is among several being considered by transport officials who face what the Automobile Association describes as a "motorway armageddon" there.

The section of the 13-year-old M6 from "spaghetti junction" in north Birmingham, north west past West Bromwich, Walsall and Wolverhampton was designed to carry between 60,000 and 80,000 vehicles a day, but frequently more than 100,000 vehicles a day leave it hopelessly congested.

One day last year 127,000 vehicles crammed on to the motorway and even though conditions were fine and there were no accidents or road works there was a four-mile jam.

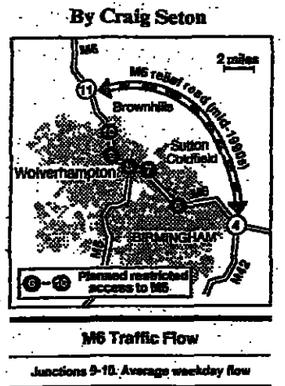
Department of Transport officials believe that a considerable part of peak congestion is caused by local commuters "motorway hopping" from Wolverhampton and Walsall to and from Birmingham, using the M6 near by rather than face delays on local roads.

Mr Jerry Johns, the AA's Midland spokesman, said: "The northern relief road and the M42 link south of Birmingham are long overdue and we are reaping the whirlwind of neglect and decay. Here we are at what is the motorway crossroads of the nation, but there has been a progressive fall-off in investment.

But he said that any scheme to stop local traffic using the motorway would transfer the congestion to other roads.

Mr Alan Whitfield, the Department of Transport's regional director, said that consultants had been told to consider all options for relieving M6 congestion in advance of the proposed £106 million northern relief road.

The worst affected part of the M6 is between junction 10 between Wolverhampton and Walsall and junctions eight and seven the intersection with the M5. But management schemes could stretch as far as Spaghetti Junction, which is the "key" to local traffic leaving and entering Birmingham to the north of the city.



M6 Traffic Flow

Junctions 9-10. Average weekday flow

1977	92,000	1981	90,000
1978	93,000	1982	89,000
1979	not available	1983	92,000
1980	91,000	1984	106,000

BMW makes cheaper exhaust cleaner

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

A new type of exhaust gas "cleaner" has been developed by BMW Germany. The company claims it is four times cheaper than catalyst converter systems, does not require lead-free petrol and does not increase fuel consumption.

Described as "a small electronic device" it will be available from mid summer and can be fitted to all BMW cars built since 1979. It will cost about £110 compared with £450 for the catalyst systems which have been in use in the United States and Japan for years and will be progressively introduced in West Germany over the next two years.

BMW admits that the device, which controls ignition timing and fuel mix, is not yet the complete answer but insists that it has an immediate application in West Germany.

The high speeds sustained on the autobahn produce unusually high concentrations of nitrus oxide, which is suspected of killing German forests at an alarming rate.

Mr Paul Layzell, managing director of BMW (GB), said yesterday the new device offered an alternative line of research to the widely disliked catalyst system.

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Speaker to rule on right to lobby MPs

PRIVILEGE

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) promised Labour MPs in the Commons that he would investigate most carefully any possible breach of parliamentary privilege arising from the proposed ban by the Government on civil servants taking time off to lobby MPs over job losses.

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on employment, raised *the issue and said the civil servants* wanted to lobby their MPs in their own time and had been threatened with the Industrial Relations Act.

The Speaker told him: I do not think it is really a matter for me.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition: Although I recognize the force of your view that the aproach by citizens to their MPs may not be directly a matter for you, the right of citizens to see their MPs has been a jealously guarded privilege.

By virtue of their particular employment the Government has been able to threaten them with action as a consequence of them coming here in their own leave time to lobby their MPs.

To whom can they go for protection?

Your guidance would be appreciated otherwise we would be in the extraordinary position of the Government as employer seriously impeding by threats the rights of people to see their MP.

The Speaker: I fully recognize there is a *right to lobby an MP. As to* whether they are given leave to do so or not cannot be a matter for which I am responsible.

***If Mr Kinnock is suggesting some* question of privilege he should write to me in the usual way.**

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) referred to a report of the Committee of Privileges in 1940 when a serving officer approached Mr Duncan Sandys with information about deficiencies in the Services. The War Office prosecuted the officer and the committee subsequently interrogated the then Prime Minister. The committee concluded that such an action was covered by parliamentary privilege.

This is directly relevant (he added) to what Mr Kinnock and Mr Prescott have raised and it would be a terrible thing if, in an aside, the Speaker were to cast off . . .



Prescott: Civil servants threatened

***The Speaker: I think it is intolerable* that Mr Benn should seek to prejudice any ruling. Of course I will look into it in the greatest detail.**

I resent absolutely the view taken by Mr Benn that I should cast aside . . .

***Mr Benn: I was making no such* implication. You said this matter might raise questions of privilege. I pointed out that it was a privilege of *an MP to receive information from* constituents with a view to action being taken. I said it would be a bad thing if that precedent were to be cast aside. *It is no reflection on the* Speaker.**

The Speaker: If Mr Benn looks at *Hansard* tomorrow that is what I said. I will look into it most carefully.

Two views about state of Britain today

THE ECONOMY

Businesses were well pleased, with record sales, record output, record investment and rising profits, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during Commons questions in response to criticisms *on the state of the economy by Mr* Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition.

Mr Kinnock answered: After another year in which industrial production is down, the pound is down and the trade balance is down, *manufactured imports are up by 10* per cent, interest rates are up by 50 per cent and the unemployment rate is up by 150,000, was the Chancellor *of the Exchequer correctly conveying* the Prime Minister's view last night when he said the Government's strategy has achieved what it *set out to achieve? (Labour laughter)*

Mrs Thatcher: The Government has achieved the lowest inflation for 16 years, the highest output, which is vital, record investment, and on top of all that we have honoured our pledge to the pensioners and have had a 20 per cent real increase on the NHS.

Mr Kinnock: We are used to hearing the Prime Minister's tales of recovery. "To be told that we are in the fourth year of recovery with unemployment at 3.5 million is a definition of an economic boom unknown to me." These are the words of the Conservative MP for Bury North (Mr Alistair Burt) in this edition of the *Reform Journal* of *the Tory Reform Group whose* president is Mr Peter Walker MP.

Business and managers all over the country have the same view of *affairs as that MP. Her policies, her* strategy are not achievements but an act of economic sabotage on a grand scale.

Mrs Thatcher: If he thinks that, he must have the same strictures on the German economy which has announced today record unemployment – something like 10.4 per cent – which already has conscription, and which has sent a number of gastarbeiters home.

What he is refusing to do is to recognize we are in a technological age and we can turn out manufactured goods with far fewer people. What we have to aim for is more employment in the service industries which are labour intensive.

***Mr Kinnock: I am most concerned* about the real Britain, about which three chairmen of chambers of commerce, the British Institute of *Management, the Confederation of* British Industry, and the Institute of Directors in the North East, were talking yesterday in *The Times*, where they ask the Prime Minister to engage in a programme of public works, where they dismiss the idea of income tax reductions as a way of helping unemployment, when they ask her to do something now to bring down unemployment.**

When her friends and people working in business and manufacturing are telling her, we are telling her, why does she not listen and learn and change the policy?

Mrs Thatcher: If he looks at the CBI forecast he will find they are very optimistic and confident.

Earlier Mrs Thatcher said she hoped more and more people would buy more British goods because they were best. She also hoped more manufacturers would see that the components they bought could be made as cheaply in Britain.

Mr Gerrard Neale (North Cornwall, C) had asked if Mrs Thatcher had noted that retail spending in December was the highest on record

***One of the best ways (he said) of* creating more home-based jobs would be to meet that increased demand in substantial part to our overseas competitors.**

Mrs Thatcher: Yes. Retail sales were very high indeed, which shows there is no shortage of overall demand.

Best prospects for new jobs

EMPLOYMENT

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, emphasized *the importance of creating more jobs when* he faced criticism in the Commons over unemployment. He said the number in work had been rising for more than a year and that latest reports from job centres and major private agencies indicated a significant improvement over recent years.

During the exchanges he said the Government had given a clear *signal on the importance it attached* to keeping on top of inflation, and the benefits of this had been shown in the improvement of job prospects. That was a gain which must not be thrown away but built upon. By keeping inflation under control, he hoped the Government could get a sensible reduction in interest rates, too.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark *(Birmingham, Selly Oak, C) said* employment prospects would be improved if unions like the Civil Service Union did not ask for 15 per cent and if the teachers' union, which was asking for £15 a week, realized that this had to be paid for out of productive industry, which *had enough pressure of its own.*

Mr King said the greatest single contribution everyone in work could make towards helping unemployment was good sense and moderation in pay bargaining.

Mr Ronald Leighton (Newham North East, Lab) asked when the Government would develop programmes to pay the unemployed rather more than they got on benefit so they could do *something useful* rather than having their souls rotting on the dole.

Mr King said improvements had *been made to the community* programme specifically designed to help the long-term unemployed. Mr Leighton should welcome the *increase in the enterprize allowance* scheme, one third of whose members came from the long-term unemployed, which specifically helped them in starting their own businesses.

He said later that while more jobs *were being created there was not yet* a reduction in unemployment because of the increased numbers moving into the working popu*lation. But by the end of the decade,* that might be reversed.

Mr David Heathcoat-Amory (Wells, C) said many new jobs were going to married women, often working part time. The tax system and national insurance encouraged this, and Mr King should consider reforms aimed at having one breadwinner in *every family.*

Mr King replied amid laughter: I* would not wish to enter into that argument, particularly as I serve in Mrs Thatcher's Government. But there are anomolies and problems which do tilt the balance unsatisfactorily and we are considering areas *in this respect.

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on employment: Mr King often lectures others on how to cut unemployment. But this Government has thrown thousands out of work in the Civil Service, particularly in his own department.

His proposal on the manpower skill centres which involves 1,000 redundancies in 1985 has led to pressure from Manpower on these workers, threatening them that if they come to Parliament to protest about redundancy they will use the Industrial Relations Act to intimidate them over their constitutional rights.

Mr King said he hoped the House would support the proposals where they were aimed at ensuring maximization of training and the most efficient use of resources. The Government was committed to using resources as effectively as it could to ensure that training was brought to people.

If in the process there had to be some reorganization, then that was the decision before him for *consideration. He had made clear* the criteria by which he would judge it.

● After Mr King had stated that UK unemployment was 3,341,000, a rate of 13.7 per cent, of whom 1,316,000 had been unemployed for more than a year, Mr Jack Dormand (Bosington, Lab) said the figures demonstrated the sheer incompetence and insensitivity of the Government.

Did he see the letter in *The Times* yesterday from the president of the Northern CBI, chairman of chambers of trade and other employers' associations about the need for a radical change of policy? If the minister's cronies are suggesting *that, what on earth is he going to do* about it?

Mr King: I do not criticise the socialist government in France or Spain or Italy, where the unemployment rate in the past year rose significantly faster than in this country, of insensitivity.

The best hope for this country is in creating more jobs. In the past year, after the great loss of jobs we suffered from the lack of competitiveness of British industry. Now it looks like we are starting again to create more jobs.

The number of unemployed is unacceptable to every MP. The issue the House has to address is what is the most effective way of dealing with it. The belief is peddled that there is some wand that can be waved. Why did not Mr Michael Foot wave this wand when he was in my position and he saw unemployment doubled?

Mr Richard Hickmet (Glanford and Scunthorpe, C): One consequence of the miners' strike has been that British Steel Corporation has had to pay £3.5 million a week for moving black coal and has had to cut back on capital investment, as has the NCB. What effect has that had on unmployment during 1984 and what effect does the minister anticipate will a solution of the strike have during 1985?

Mr King: It is difficult to get a precise figure. I have no doubt that the miners' strike for such a length of time has been extremely damaging to employment prospects.



Hickmet: What effect has coal strike had?

In 1983, we had the highest growth rate in Europe. The strike has been a setback but even so, the average rate for 1984, and the forecast from OECD is that, we should look forward to the highest growth rate in Europe. That provides the best prospect for jobs if this costly and unnecessary strike is settled.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton, South, SDP): The figures prove that Government policies over the past five years have utterly failed to make British industry more competitive. The fact that public expenditure figures recently produced show that there will be unemployment of more than three million for the next few years and demonstrate what a scandal it is that this Government still claims it has the right policies to get unemployment figures down.

Mr King: After an undoubtedly serious shake out in industry where there was overmanning which should have been tackled many years ago, but which was allowed to fester, has been tackled, there has been an inevitable increase in unemployment.

But now we are moving to a situation where we are creating more jobs as a result of the policy of reducing inflation and making Britain more competitive. We now want to reinforce that advantage.

Mrs Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C) asked the minister to consider publishing the numbers of job vacancies as well as the numbers of unemployed. She said that in many areas of high unemployment, local papers published up to 17 pages of small ads from employers wanting people to fill jobs.

Mr King: It is true that if one looks at the flow of vacancies through job centres and the forecasts of manpower through private employers' agencies, there is the best prospect of new jobs for more than five years. There is significant improvement, not just in the South-East but in other parts of the country, also.

Mr Michael Foot (Blaenau Gwent, Lab): He dares to compare the record of his Government with that of his predecessors. (Labour cheers) In the last months of that Labour Government, unemployment figures were coming down each month.

If his Government could achieve any comparable figures, he would say that it was the biggest miracle since the loaves and fishes.

Mr King: What I do recall is the part Mr Foot and some other Opposition MPs played in deliberately obstructing the restructuring of parts of British industry, including nationalized industry when they were facing serious loss of competitiveness and condemning many people to serious unemployment.

The steel industry was the most obvious illustration. History books will recognize that a precious opportunity was lost by the incompetence of the Labour Government.

People will decide sovereignty

GIBRALTAR

The Government cherished the *freedom of the people of Gibraltar to* decide their own future, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during Commons questions when asked for *assurances that the* Gibraltarians' views on sovereignty would be paramount.

Mr Marcus Fox (Shipley, C) in raising the issue, said: Following the opening of the border between Gibraltar and Spain, there was a cloud hanging over the ceremony, namely the issue of sovereignty.

Mrs Thatcher: The opening of the border between Gibraltar and Spain *today was generally welcome.*

The statement on November 27, 1984, underlined the Government's intention fully to maintain its commitment to honour the freely and democratically expressed wishes of the people of Gibraltar as laid out in the preamble to the Gibraltar constitution of 1969.

The Government has given assurances to the people of Gibraltar that Gibraltar will remain part of her Majesty's dominions unless and until an Act of Parliament otherwise provides

Explanation of ruling to be published

SUB JUDICE

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said in the Commons that *Hansard* would publish his ruling defining the sub judice rules to Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) who had referred to the story in *The Times* Diary on January 28.

In the story* Lord Hill-Norton, former Chief of Defence staff, was critical of the secrecy surrounding the forthcoming case of Osprey Ltd *v British Shipbuilders.

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, raised the issue when he said he understood the Speaker *had written to Mr Dalyell giving his* ruling on the sub judice rules. Since the case had not yet been set down for trial, he asked if MPs could ask questions about it.

He added that the leading article in *The Times* today had got the sub judice rules right.

The Speaker: I went into the matter in great detail and wrote to Mr Dalyell giving my conclusions. There was nothing secret about what I wrote.

When I write letters to MPs I do not expect copies to be given to the press, at any rate not without my *authority. In fairness to Mr Dalyell* he did apologize for that.

In order that there is no ambiguity about it, I have arranged for publication of the letter in *Hansard* in accordance with the precedent about private rulings made by my predecessor.

Mr Steel asked if a case was sub judice before it had been set down *for trial.*

The Speaker asked MPs to see the ruling in detail before commenting.

***Mr John Ryman (Blyth Valley,* Lab): How does an MP know when a case has been set down for trial?**

The Speaker: There are means of finding out. Mr Ryman is a lawyer, he should know.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool Walton, Lab) asked the Speaker to promise that once he retired, private conversations he had held with MPs would not find their way into various publications.

The Speaker: I know what Mr Heffer is referring to. It is not a matter for me.

If it is any comfort to the House, I have no intention of writing anything (Laughter).

Nacods deal still open to miners

COAL DISPUTE

***The Government had majorities of* 178 and 160 in divisions at the end of Monday's debate on the mining dispute. The Opposition motion was rejected by 378 votes to 200 and the Government motion carried by 360 votes to 200.**

During the later stages of the debate,

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) said that he was proud to have signed, as Secretary of State for Energy, *The Plan for Coal.*

He did not say that all pit closures under Labour had been right, but he had offered a veto to the NUM on pit closures. That had been a recognition that they could not run the mining industry without the *good will of the miners.*

Anybody who tried to convert the enemy within to the enemy underground by driving them back to work by hardship would destroy the industry and its future prospects.

The Government had denied investment to pits with great reserves with the intention of selling them off when they got a chance.

The NUM was defending the *national interest, not for the first* time, because when the oil and gas ran out the country would depend on coal.

***The British people would never* allow the Tory Party to destroy the miners and miners' families because, given the choice in the ballot box, they preferred the quality, decency, dedication and loyalty of the miners to the get-rich people who supported and contributed to the Tory Party.**

Mr Peter Rost (Erewash, C) said Derbyshire miners had always accepted that the closure of pits near the end of their economic life was a necessary and normal part of business. Many of his constituents *were disgusted by the Labour* Party's nauseating display of licking Arthur Scargill's jackboots. Particularly, they were disgusted at Labour MPs representing Derbyshire, including Mr Benn, who on no occasion spoke up for the majority of miners at work.

Mr David Hunt, Under Secretary of State for Energy, said that if the NUM moved its position and was willing to withdraw the unreasonable demand for there to be no closure of uneconomic pits there could be a negotiated settlement.

All that the NUM leadership had *to agree was that uneconomic* closure should be included in the first item on the agenda for negotiation. So far they had refused to agree.

If the Nacods agreement was accepted there would be no need for any written undertaking. It was a written agreement and could be accepted by the NUM. It had always been on the table.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Motion on rate capping. Lords (2.30): Debate on Civil defence and debate on prescribing of Drugs.

Hailsham's clause rejected

HOUSE OF LORDS

The controversial clause in the Administration of Justice Bill which would have abolished a citizen's right of appeal when refused leave by courts to challenge an administrative or government decision, was rejected when it came before the House of Lords at the resumed committee stage.

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, who said the clause had been his responsibility and had been put forward with his approval because the Court of Appeal was having difficulty coping with the volume of work before it, said he now had an alternative *proposal.*

It is quite clear (he said) that if a single judge refuses leave to proceed there ought to be recourse. I think *everybody can accept that. But it* does not follow that there ought to be recourse to the Court of Appeal and then the case remitted back to the court of first instance to be tried on its merits.

I am authorised by the Court of Appeal to say they would not oppose clause 43 provided there was a built-in mechanism enabling a refused applicant to renew as of right his application to the divisional court of two or three judges presided over by a Lord Justice of Appeal.

My view is they are right in making that suggestion to the House and this is a suggestion of which I can whole-heartedly approve myself. This is a perfectly valid suggestion which ought to be seriously considered.

Lord Denning (Ind), former Master of the Rolls, said the proposed alternative was useless because there was to be no appeal from the divisional court to the Court of Appeal so the position remained the same. The clause as it stood should either be expunged or voted on.

Opening the debate Lord Denning said the Court of Appeal was the lynch pin of the judicial system. It was part of the constitution that *every citizen who was aggrieved by* the decision of a judge of the High Court had a right to appeal to the Court of Appeal.

***The clause as proposed was a* constitutional monstrosity.**

As the law stood now judges had the power to correct the abuses and misuse of power by any public authority, whether a government department, executive tabunal or local authority. That procedure depended upon leave being given by a judge with a further appeal to the Court of Appeal.

Let us keep our current law about these matters (he said). If the judge decides against the citizen let there at any rate be an appeal to the Court of Appeal in the way we have had over the last 30 years.

It is the greatest development in our judicial system (he said) whereby we are enabled to control the misuse and abuse of power by any of these public authorities if they misinterpret the law, if they decide unreasonably, or if they go wrong one way or another, the court can have control over them.

Lord Elwyn-Jones, a former Lord Chancellor, said he could not understand how the existing clause had ever been brought in.

It was *surprising to see it in a* form in which there had been no hope it would have survived.

The point at issue was of great importance – the rights of the individual subject. More and more the law was encroaching on the rights and freedoms of the individual. It was therefore becoming more and more important there should be adequate remedy and that remedy should be through the courts themselves.

In these circumstances (he said) the case that has been made against the continuation of the present arrangement is inadequate. That case has not been made out.

Lord Rawlinson of Ewell (C) said the *Lord Chancellor had been put in* an impossible position. He had been asked to do something, probaly by the present Master of the Rolls, to *help the Court of Appeal, but it was* clear the clause as it stood should not be part of the Bill.

After Lord Hailsham said he would bring a new clause before the House at the report stage of the Bill on the lines suggested by the Court of Appeal, the existing clause was rejected without a division.

Peers oppose idea of VAT on Bible

There would be grave resentment, and disquiet throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland if the Government even began to contemplate value-added tax on the Bible, Lord Chedwyn of Pearbas, leader of the Opposition peers, said during questions in the House of Lords.

The Earl of Gowrie, Minister for the Arts, had said that the Government had received numerous representations about the possibility of VAT *on books. Many of these had been* from churches and individuals concerned about the possible treatment of bibles and other *religious literature. The Govern*ment was well seized of the arguments, but at this time of the year he was bound to respond with nothing more helpful than the traditional sentence: "I cannot anticipate the Chancellor's Budget statement".

The Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Rev Maurice Wood: He has used the phrase "at this time of the year". Does he mean Lent and therefore the Government being willing to abstain?

The Earl of Gowrie: I mean that Lenten season when ministers are under a penitential requirement not to make comments about possible Budget statements.

Coping with waste: 3

Deadly nuclear cargoes with nowhere to go

Countries belonging to the Paris Commission and London Dumping Convention have persuaded the Government to revise its attidude over discarding radioactive waste in the North Sea and Atlantic. So what will happen to that accumulating in Britain? PEARCE WRIGHT, Science Editor, reports in the third and final part of this series.

Radioactive waste is accumulating steadily at nuclear power stations and at the spent fuel reprocessing plant at Sellafield, Cumbria. How to dispose of active waste is one of the most controversial environmental problems facing the Government.

Another setback for dumping on land occurred when Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, announced last month that plans to use a former anhydrite mine at Billingham, in Cleveland, for deep disposal of intermediate level wastes had been dropped.

The campaign against Billingham showed the strength of opposition.

The policy reversal extended the list of hindrances holding up dumping at sea and land.

● At the end of 1981 the Government suspended land drilling by the Institute of Geological Sciences.

● Similar seabed research by the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences was stopped last year.

● A report commissioned as a Government-TUC review advised in December against continued disposal in the North Atlantic.

● The Government agreed last year to comply with a request from the Paris Commission for radioactive discharges into the Irish Sea from Sellafield to be eliminated.

Reductions in discharges will be made between now and 1991 in a £150 million investment in new treatment and storage plant.

Between 200 and 300 tons of low level waste was dumped each year in the Atlantic 600 miles off Lands End from 1966 to 1982. There is no evidence of any damage though there are indications that the concrete containers have not remained where they dropped.

Pressure from Greenpeace, the National Union of Seamen and transport unions and Britain's European neighbours led to a halt on marine disposal. But a large amount of waste is awating disposal.

Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth would cut the volume of waste by storing spent fuel rods in "dry" gas-cooled repositories.

When spent fuel is removed from a reactor it is stored at the power station for about a year, allowing the short-lived activity to decay to a level where spent fuel can be transported to Sellafield.

The most highly active wastes, stored in stainless tanks, comes from the so-called fission product stream from the reprocessing plant. About 95 per cent of radioactivity arising from electricity generation is contained in this relatively small volume of liquid.

In one year's operation a 1000 megawatt nuclear power station produces, after reprocessing, about four cubic metres of highly active waste, 12 cubic metres of intermediate waste, and 100 cubic metres of low-level waste.

The plan is to convert high-level liquid waste into glass blocks, storing them for 50 years for inspection and monitoring before disposal to a deep geological site or under the seabed.

Exotic ideas have been proposed for vitrified blocks: ejection from the Earth's atmosphere by rocket, burial in the polar ice caps, and transmutation of the long-lived elements into shorter-lived fission products by neutron irradiation.

According to the Nuclear Industry Radioactive Waste Executive, if all the spent fuel produced in the UK by the year 2000 is treated the volume of the wastes will be 500,000 cubic metres of low-level, 80,000 cubic metres of intermediate and 20,000 cubic metres of highly-active glass blocks.

The land site for low-level wastes is at Drigg, adjacent to Sellafield on the Cumbrian coast. Items such as lightly contaminated clothing, plastic and other packaging, laboratory apparatus, tools, soil and building materials are buried in shallow trenches.

Trenches on the 300-acre site are dug to the boulder clay eight metres below the surface and filled with water to within two metres of the surface covered with top soil.

Over 500,000 cubic metres of waste is buried at Drigg. The site has capacity for 30 to 50 years if only Sellafield waste is buried. But that would mean providing at least one new site to take 50,000 cubic metres a year of low level waste from other sites.

Nirex has been requested by the Department of the Environment to suggest three low-level disposal sites.

With the defeat over plans for Billingham, a search has also started by Nirex for three more places where a deep disposal scheme could be developed for intermediates. Concluded

Plastic £1 note ruled out

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday ruled out the introduction of a *plastic £1 note or a £2.50 note.*

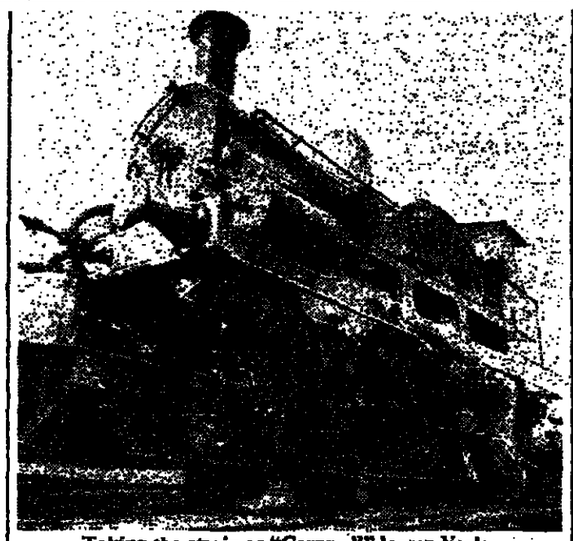
He told Mr Peter Bruinvels, conservative MP for Leicester East, in a letter that a plastic note would be easier to forge than a paper one.

"This is not a risk we are *prepared to take for a currency* with such a large circulation as that of the United Kingdom", he said. "In fact only Haiti and the Isle of Man have ever introduced plastic notes.

"A note is not really suitable *for the current usage and* purchasing power of the £1 unit."

Defending the £1 coin, Mr Lawson said: "Indeed, £1 today buys about the same as a half-crown did 30 years ago, and no one at that time was suggesting that we should have a half-crown note."

***He said the idea of introduc*ing a £2.50 note presented difficulties. "Not least was that such a note is likely to circulate much as the £1 does now and [would] deteriorate in the same way."**



Taking the strain as "Cornwall" leaves York.

Victorian engine for Japan

"Cornwall," a 138-year-old steam locomotive, yesterday began a 12,000-mile journey from the National Railway Museum in York to represent *Britain in the World's Great* Railway exhibition, which opens in Hiroshima, Japan, in March.

The exhibition, which will go on tour to other Japanese centres, also features "Boxhill," a full-sized locomotive.

"Cornwall," which was *completely repainted for the sea* journey, was built by the London and North-West Railway.

Fewer young people in custody

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Fewer young people have been sent to custody in the first year after sweeping sentencing changes.

Mr David Mellor, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Home Office, quoted the figures, published yesterday to rebut reports that the Criminal Justice Act 1982 had led to a huge increase in custody for juveniles. Part one of the Act came into effect on May 24, 1983.

"The number of juveniles received under a detention centre order or a youth custody sentence in the 12 months from July 1983, to June 1984, was 6,600, 5 per cent fewer than those sent to custody in the whole of 1982," Mr Mellor said.

That might reflect some decrease in the total number sentenced, he said. It appeared that the effect of the Act on the proportionate use of custody had been broadly neutral. Part one of the Act abolished sentences of borstal training and imprisonment for offenders under the age of 21 years and replaced them with a new sentence of youth custody.

The number of receptions of young adults (aged between 17 and 20) was 22,200 in the 12 months from July 1983 to June 1984, an increase of 3.5 per cent compared with 1982.

The average population of young offenders serving custodial sentences fell from 10,400 in 1982 to 9,900 in the year ending June 1984.

Young Offenders in Prison Departmemt Establishments under the Criminal Justice Act 1982: July 1983-June 1984 (Statistical Department, Home Office, Tolworth Tower, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 7DS £2.50.)

Acute beds 'facing heavy cuts'

By Nicholas Timmins Social Services Correspondent

Proposals by the 14 regional health authorities for the next 10 years show a "terrifying picture of rundown and decline" in provision for the elderly, the mentally ill and handicapped and in the numbers of acute hospial beds, Mr Michael Meacher, Labour's chief social services spokesman, said yesterday.

All the region's plans should be handed to Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, shortly. But Mr Meacher's analysis of the plans shows many health authorities failing to meet Department of Health guidelines laid down in 1976 for the members of beds for particular types of patients, with some regions due to cut the numbers of acute beds heavily.

Of the 14 regions, seven will have between 15 and 40 per cent fewer beds for the elderly than laid down in the department's guidelines, Mr Meacher said.

Six will have 50 per cent fewer day places than in the guidelines. All but two fall below the bed norms. Mr Meacher said, while in the Wessex, Oxford, Northern, South Western and North Western regions, there will be a total shortfall of 46,000 beds compared to the guideline figures.

No region is proposing to offer facilities for both the mentally ill and mentally handicapped at levels to match the department's guidelines and only five are proposing day care facilities that match the department figures for the mentally ill, he said.

Eight of the regions' plans make no reference to respite care, to allow families looking after mentally ill or handicapped people to have a break.

Red phone boxes 'must be saved'

By a Staff Reporter

Conservationists have called for thousands of red telephone boxes to be saved and others "listed" for preservation, rather than replaced as obsolete.

Last month British Telecom announced that it was to introduce new pay telephones to replace the 76,500 boxes around the country. But the Thirties Society describes the red boxes, designed by the late Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, architect of Liverpool Cathedral and Battersea power station, as one of the great examples of British industrial design and "symbols of our country".

It suggests that new equipment could be installed in the existing boxes, and particularly wants to save the rare K2 boxes in the London area, the result of a design competiton won by Sir Giles in 1924.

Contraceptive injection is launched

The injectable long-term contraceptive, Depo-Provera, was launched in Britain yesterday. A single injection will prevent pregnancy for three months.

Its makers, Upjohn, said it might appeal to women over 35 who would be at increased risk of thrombosis on the Pill. There was evidence that Depo-Provera protected women against breast cancer.

Depo-Provera was banned in 1982, when Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Minister for Health, said its risks outweighed its benefits. That ban was lifted last April when the Department of Health and Social Security found that the drug was not proven to pose life-threatening risks to women.

End to one-year grants for BBC's External Services recommended

By David Hewson
Arts Correspondent

The BBC's External Services, which run the World Service and foreign language programmes, should be funded on the same basis as the rest of the corporation, a report published yesterday says.

The investigation pursued by a joint Treasury, Foreign Office and BBC committee with outside help, concluded that the system of financing the service through an annual grant from the Foreign Office vote should end.

The recommendation represents a victory for the BBC which has argued consistently that the one-year budget was unworkable and placed the organization under unfair financial pressures.

The report says that a rolling grant should be made for the duration of a domestic licence fee.

The BBC's board of governors welcomed the proposal and said that the change would enable External Services to plan more efficiently and effectively.

Another key element which would stabilize the External Services finances is that they should be able to keep up to 10 per cent of the money they have not spent in any financial year.

"It is of fundamental importance to the BBC that the review team has recognized and throughout its report implicitly upheld the principle that the External Services are an integral part of the corporation," the BBC said.

"They grew out of the Home Service as long ago as 1932, on the initiative of the BBC, and the board has always treated the unity of the BBC as one of its central, unchanging policies."

External Services weekly broadcasting hours

Arabic	63
French (Africa)	22.75
French (Europe)	12.75
Russian	45
Spanish (Latin America)	31.5
German	22.75
Polish	26.5
Czech/Slovak	21.25
Hungarian	18
Serbo-Croat/Slovene	16.25
Hindi, Romanian	14
Bulgarian	12.25
Turkish	11.5
Greek, Mandarin, Persian	10.5
Urdu	10
Portuguese (Brazil), Portuguese (Europe and Africa), Indonesian, Hausa, Vietnamese, Finnish, Bengali, Swahili, Burmese, Japanese, Thai, Somali, and Cantonese	less than 10
Pashto, Tamil, Nepali, Malay	less than 5
Foreign language total	483.75
World Service (English)	202.5
English By Radio (teaching)	41.25
	727.5

World Service output

Category	% of weekly programme hours
Serious music	8.5
Light music and pop	13.0
Light entertainment	3.5
Sport	6.0
Features and documentaries	4.0
Drama, readings, poetry	6.5
News	22.5
Presentation	1.0
Religion	2.5
Talks, Current Affairs	19.0
Arts	5.0
Other talks	8.5

The review, chaired by Mr Alan Perry, an assistant secretary at the Treasury, has resulted in the editorial independence of External Services being confirmed by the Foreign Secretary and Mr Stuart Young, BBC chairman.

In an exchange of letters with Mr Young, Sir Geoffrey Howe wrote: "They (the review team) have confirmed the External Services's high reputation abroad for the quality, accuracy and impartiality of its output, which serves to enhance Britain's image abroad, and were impressed by the dedication, professional skills and motivation of the External Services's staff."

The report estimates that changes in the organization's management could save £1.6 million out of the organization's current annual cost of £99 million. The corporation said that £1 million of the savings were identified by the BBC and were in hand.

The fate of the report is unlikely to be known until after the Home Office decision on the BBC television licence fee application. But it is thought that the Foreign Office is willing to accept the recommendation that the budget for External Services should last as long as the licence fee, currently three years.

The former Foreign Secretary, Lord Carrington, who cut External Services in 1981, said later that the decision was a mistake, which caused more harm than was warranted for the savings.



Warm send-off: Senator Edward Kennedy with Mr Kim Dae Jung on Capitol Hill. Mr Kim is due back in South Korea on Friday.

Kim faces uncertain return to Seoul

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Mr Kim Dae Jung, the most important figure opposing the government of South Korea, leaves Washington for home today after a two-year exile. He faces a future fraught with uncertainty and danger. "I will be careful; I will be moderate," he said.

He will be accompanied by nearly 30 prominent Americans, including three Congressmen, to ensure that he does not share the fate of Benigno Aquino, the exiled Philippines opposition leader who was shot dead when he returned home in 1983.

Seoul has promised not to arrest Mr Kim upon arrival, a promise almost certainly given under direct pressure from Washington. The Reagan Admin istration is a staunch but sometimes uncomfortable ally of the government of President Chun Doo Hwan.

Mr Kim has been living in a small flat with his wife, Lee Hee Ho, in a sprawling, cheerless community in Alexandria, near Washington. He was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment in 1980 for sedition.

He was allowed to leave South Korea at the end of 1982 to receive medical treatment unavailable in South Korea. "The Korean Government intimated that if I went back they would put me back in jail to serve the remaining seventeen and a half years," he told *The Times*. "There is a sign that it has changed its attitude about putting me in prison, but there is a strong possibility of house arrest."

Mr Kim is due to arrive in Seoul on Friday after an overnight stop in Tokyo. "I would have arrived at night if I had taken a direct flight. My security will be improved if I arrive in the daytime. And my supporters can meet me at the airport."

Four days after his arrival, elections are to be held for a national assembly, elections the Reagan Administration hopes are a sincere sign of a willingness to move towards democracy. Mr Kim is banned from political activity in South Korea.

Despite this, he is a leading figure behind the creation of the New Korea Democratic Party, together with a former political rival, Mr Kim Young Sam, who is also banned from political activity.

The fight against terror

Paris, Bonn set up joint group linked by hotline

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

West Germany and France are setting up a joint group of experts to co-ordinate the fight against terrorism and an anti-terrorist telex hotline between the Paris and Bonn interior ministries.

This was announced yesterday after discussion between Chancellor Helmut Kohl and M Laurent Fabius, the French Prime Minister visiting Bonn for the first time. The two discussed several issues including Europe, bilateral relations and the May economic summit, but recent terrorist attacks in France and West Germany were to the fore.

M Fabius decided at the last minute to bring with him M Pierre Joxe, the French Interior Minister, for discussions with Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, his counterpart. They refused to detail measures agreed, but discussed international links between terrorist groups. Next week Signor Oscar Scalfaro, the Italian interior Minister, will visit Bonn for similar talks.

Meanwhile the last three terrorists on hunger strike gave up their protest yesterday: it began on December 4, but the leaders broke it last week, after the murder of Herr Ernst Zimmermann, the Munich armaments industrialist.

The Red Army Faction, which has claimed responsibility for the shooting, left two letters in Stuttgart in which the "Patsy O'Hara Squad" – named after an Irish hunger-striker – called the murder the beginning of a "war of liberation". They said the West European guerrillas had "shaken the imperialist centre".

A second letter, dated February 2 and left in a letter-bin at a bus-stop, called on the imprisoned terrorists to end their hunger strike.

Herr Franz Josef Strauss, the Bavarian Prime Minister, spoke at the memorial service for Herr Zimmermann in Munich on Monday. He had personally decorated him with a Bavarian award before his death.

● WASHINGTON: The US Secretary of State, Mr George Schultz, has announced that the State Department is to form a joint venture with American corporations to deal with anti-American terrorism abroad (NYT reports).

He told the American Society for Industrial Security on Monday that the Overseas Security Advisory Council was intended to provide advice and emergency help to businesses abroad as part of a campaign against terrorism.

Nato officials shrug off threat

From Ian Murray, Brussels

A precautionary, 3ft high concrete barricade has just gone up outside the main entrance to Nato headquarters here to guard against terrorist attacks. Yet officials believe that if there really is a co-ordinated campaign against alliance targets, the prefabricated offices at Brussels airport are the least likely place to be hit.

Despite the publicity about an anti-Nato campaign by an alliance of extremist groups, it is hard to find any of the delegations or staff who take the reports too seriously.

The general view is that the latest wave of bombings and shootings is due more to the fact that extremists tend to copy one another than to the existence of the sophisticated network of terrorists with a real high command and a campaign strategy.

Over the past few months there has been an obvious attempt at improving security both at Nato and for its senior officials. But this is due to the fact that Lord Carrington, the new Secretary-General, is recongnized as being a more likely target that Dr Josef Luns, his predecessor.

There is still no thought of putting together a special unit within the alliance to work on security. One diplomat in each delegation is responsible for keeping developments under review, but multinational co-operation is confined to what has already been agreed at the London economic summit last June and among EEC foreign ministers last September.

The Council of Europe is also beginning to try for better anti-terrorist co-ordination among its 21 members.

The subject will be on the agenda of a session of the EEC foreign ministers when they meet in Rome next week, although there is no likelihood of a big anti-terrorist initiative being thought necessary. The EEC already has agreed on a policy of close co-operation against such violence.

Within Nato it is recognized that the West German Red Army Faction, the French Action Directe and the Belgian Cellules Communistes Combattantes (CCC) probably have some kind of a link. They have all used explosives stolen from the same quarry in Belgium last June. They have all carried out attacks in support of the German hunger strikers.

Of the three the CCC is beginning to cause the most concern because not a single worthwhile lead on its membership has come to light despite the fact that it has carried out 13 attacks against targets with Nato connections since last October.

After a car bomb explosion last month, it announced that in future it would not respect human life. "Those whose biological existence keeps the wheels of death turning have to be eliminated in the struggle for life", the group said.

But although the evidence suggests that there is some kind of a link between these three groups, there is no reason to believe that recent attacks in Greece, Holland or Portugal have been anything but imitative. As one diplomat put it: "These groups are anti-establishment and Nato is something of a symbol for the establishment, that is as far as the link-up probably goes."

So far the Nato connection of some of the targets has been at best tenuous. Officials therefore believe that claims are made because Nato is a fashionable target rather than because it is a strategic one. At the same time the latest wave of bombings is leading to a review of security for Nato's miles of unprotected pipelines, which have been attacked by the CCC.

One noticeable change of attitude caused by the need for a united front against terrorism has been the way in which the United States has been more and more prepared to help in the fight against the Provisional IRA. This typifies the growing bilateral links in the fight against violent extremism.

Trimbole's release thwarted

Robert Trimbole, wanted in Australia on murder and drugs charges, was ordered to be released yesterday by the High Court in Dublin after he had spent more than three months in jail. Mr Justice Egan said his arrest on October 25 was unlawful.

But within minutes the Supreme Court granted a stay of execution on the High Court order which had come after months of legal argument by Mr Trimbole's lawyers over an extradition order.

The Supreme Court will today consider whether Mr Trimbole, aged 53, should be released.

Mr Justice Egan said that Mr Trimbole was arrested under an anti-terrorist agreement with Australia.

He said the only rational explanation for the Australian's arrest was to ensure that Mr Trimbole would be available for arrest under the agreement the next day.

That he said, was a gross misuse of the anti-terrorist law and amounted to a conscious and deliberate violation of his constitutional rights.

Westminster's head seeks new challenge

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Dr John Rae is resigning as head master of Westminster School to look for a new challenge.

He leaves at his own request next spring, by which time he will have completed 16 years as Westminster's head master. Dr Rae, aged 53, is open to job offers, in the media, where he has some experience, or in education, where he has more, or in business, where he has none.



Dr Rae: Willing to take a risk.

"I think I have done all I can and must look for a new challenge", he said.

Headmastering is a very secure life, Dr Rae says. He feels he would like to take a risk. "If you don't take a risk you never know what other possibilities might be." Now he says that, apart from other sorts of educational work ("not the independent sector again, thanks.") he would like anything that involved running something.

He favours "almost anything that would be exciting. If there was a chance of getting right out of education into business, perhaps public relations, or something to do with graduate recruitment in a big company, that sort of thing."

He has annoyed the heads of other independent schools by criticizing the Government's assisted places scheme, and over his his wife's book, *A World Apart* which described how a master's wife introduced 100 schoolboys to the "various pleasures of sexual activity."

Dr Rae, a founding member of the Social Democratic Party, was chairman of the Headmasters' Conference in 1977.

Meese survives one more critical hurdle

From Our Own Correspondent Washington

Mr Edwin Meese, President Reagan's closest political friend, cleared another critical hurdle yesterday on the way to becoming the US Attorney-General. Barring an unexpected setback, he looks as though he is home and dry.

The senate judiciary committee, which conducted confirmation hearings last week, voted 12 to six to confirm him in the job. The full, Republican-controlled Senate will vote soon after it returns from recess on February 18.

Support and opposition for Mr Meese, at present the White House counsellor, a position of powerful influence in the Oval Office, fell broadly along party political lines.

Other changes are afoot at the White House. Mr Patrick Buchanan, a speechwriter for President Nixon, is to be chief of White House communications, a position giving him supervision over speech-writing. He is a conservative.

Mr Max Friedersdorf, Mr Reagan's chief congressional lobbyist in his first year of office, will head an office dealing with relations between Washington and local governments. A similar position will be taken by Mr Edward Rollins, who directed Mr Reagan's 1984 reelection campaign.

Soviet jet crashes near Minsk

Moscow (Reuter) – A Tupolev-134 passenger aircraft of the Soviet state airline Aeroflot crashed soon after take-off from Minsk airport last Friday, according to the latest edition of the local newspaper to arrive in Moscow yesterday.

The brief announcement said only that the aircraft was heading for Leningrad and that there had been loss of life.

No death toll was given but internal Soviet flights are almost invariably full. The Tupolev-134, introduced by Aeroflot in 1967, has a seating capacity of 72.

Soviet authorities are usually reticent about giving details of air disasters.

● ANCHORAGE: All nine people on board were killed when an air taxi crashed and burst into flames trying to land in thick fog at Soldotna, about 165 miles south of Anchorage, Alaska (Reuter reports).

Red Cross deny cholera report led to transfer

From Paul Vallely, Addis Ababa

Senior Red Cross officials have confirmed that a team of German doctors and nurses was moved from an Ethiopian refugee camp at Asayta after reporting to Geneva that cholera was rife in the camp.

But the decision, according to officials of the Ethiopian Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies was unconnected with the report.

Mr Anders Persson, the league's delegate in Addis Ababa, said that there were three reasons for the decision to redeploy the team.

"The declining numbers at Asayta meant that there was a much reduced need for medical staff. The living conditions there were very difficult for them and there was a much greater need for them at the camps at Bati and Mele where the numbers were increasing".

He said he would not wish to censor the doctors' views but would have preferred if they had not used the word "cholera".

Last night a spokeswoman for the World Health Organization said that it had still not been informed of the results of the Ethiopian tests which were due to have been published almost two weeks ago.

Reading aloud helps poor children

By Our Education Correspondent

Children from poor homes can learn to read much better if their parents listen to them read aloud every night, MPs were told yesterday. That works even if the parents themselves are illiterate.

The Commons select committee on education heard evidence on special schemes, run in Coventry, Rochdale, Brighton and Hackney and Haringey in London, which were said to enable children to achieve the same reading standards as those from the richer suburbs. It was not a cheap way out or a threat to teachers' control, the committee was told.

Ms Henrietta Dombey, vice-chairman of the National Association for the Teaching of English, said schools had to buy more books and teachers had to spend time visiting parents and going on training programmes.

The six teacher experts from the association who gave evidence to the committee, which is looking into primary education, complained about the quality of reading books for infants and juniors.

The association called for children whose first language is not English to be taught their mother tongue at school

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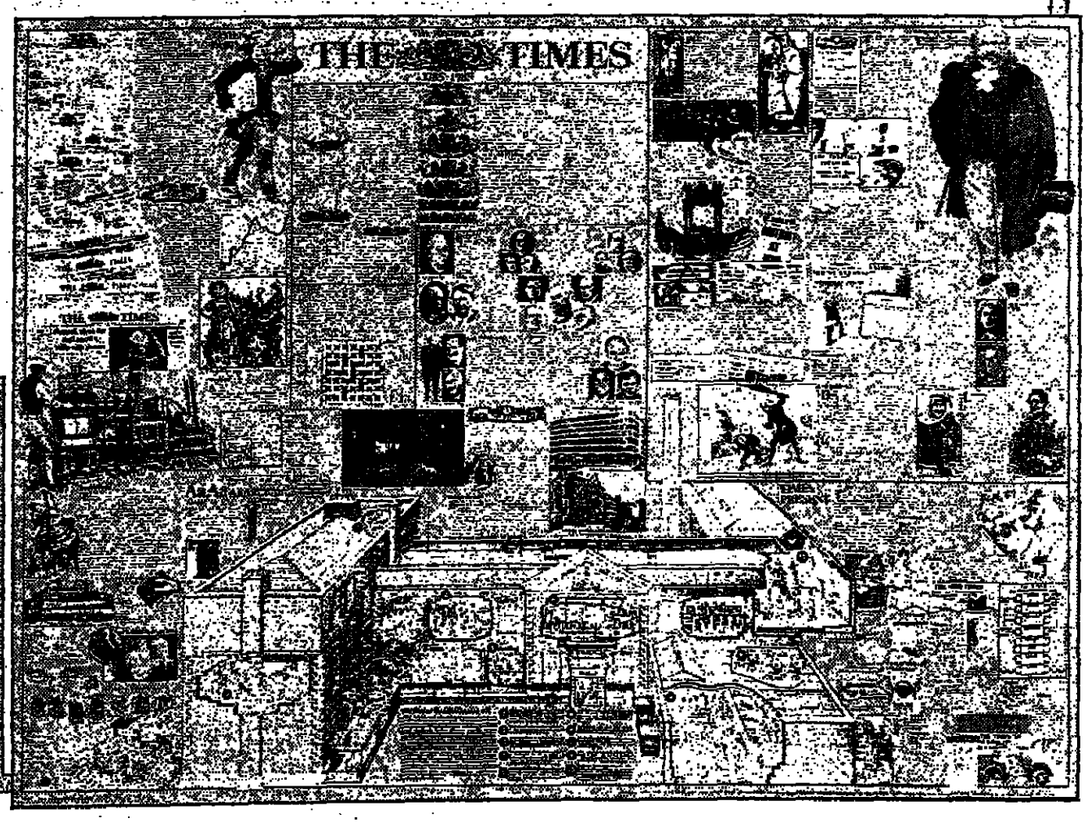
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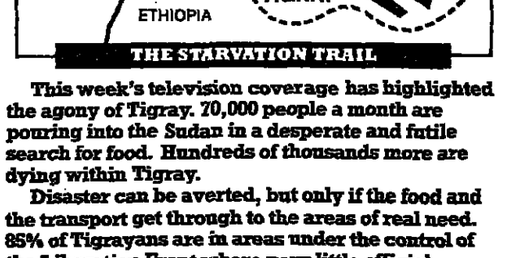
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Reagan asks Congress to lift Carter's ban on arms for Guatemala

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Reagan Administration, clearly determined to pursue a deepening military entanglement in Central America, is seeking the restoration of military aid to Guatemala after an eight-year ban. It wants to continue substantial military assistance to Honduras and El Salvador.

Guatemala, the region's most populous country, is regarded here as a vital anti-communist bastion in an area beset by guerrilla warfare. The Administration has asked Congress for $35.3 million (£31 million) in military aid during the 1986 fiscal year.

President Carter banned such assistance to Guatemala because of human rights abuses. The military dictatorship is widely believed to have massacred or displaced hundreds of thousands of Indians, who make up about 60 per cent of the population.

Some human rights groups say atrocities have been reduced under the rule of General Oscar Mejia Victores, who seized power in a bloodless coup last year. He has promised elections this year to end 31 years of military rule.

Guatemala is engaged in a strong push for respectability on the world stage, one of the reasons its widely respected Foreign Minister, Señor Fernando Andrade, went out of his way last year to negotiate a resumption of diplomatic relations with Britain.

The Reagan Administration is this year giving $300,000 to Guatemala for troop training – an almost irrelevant sum, but important symbolically. Guatemala has built its own factories for the manufacture of ammunition and armoured cars. Thanks to the arrival of "non-lethal" spare parts from the United States, military helicopters are flying again.

Administration officials cite General Mejia's promise of elections as justification for resumed aid, which would take the form of credits and support funds. Congress had expected some form of aid request, but nothing so large.

Washington is proposing a slight increase in the annual package to El Salvador, which totals $473 million. There is a strong likelihood that supplementary amounts will be sought later in the year if guerrillas gain ground. The Administration also wants, $231 million for Honduras, an important site for preparing US-backed guerrilla operations against neighbouring Nicaragua. Large American military manoeuvers begin in Honduras late this month.

The total foreign aid request before Congress totals $14.77 billion for 1986. Traditional allies, such as Israel, Egypt, Pakistan and the Philippines, take the lion's share. About $9.4 billion is for security programmes, the remainder for economic programmes.

● ANKARA: Turkey expressed its dissatisfaction yesterday with the $939 million proposed by the Reagan Administration as military and economic aid for fiscal year 1986, starting next October (Rasit Gurdilek writes).

A foreign Ministry spokesman said it was considerably below the sum needed for the maintenance and limited modernization of the armed forces. Turkey had been seeking $1.2 billion.

But even the disappointing figure is not assured of congressional clearance. Congress has been adhering to a 10-7 ratio in recent years in the allocation of military aid to Turkey and Greece.

Washington supplemented by $150 million as economic aid.

In return for its assistance, the US maintains two electronic intelligence bases, an air base and communications stations in Turkey.



Paradise lost: Mr Seweryn Blumsztajn, Solidarity's representative in France, with his wife Zosznia and daughter Ania at Orly airport yesterday before returning to Poland, where he was detained as he left the plane. He went back after three year's self-exile to "continue the struggle", but his family stayed in Paris. The sign reads: "From Paradise to home".

Egypt seeks more aid from US

From Alice Brinton, Cairo

The news that Israel is to receive a $400 million increase to its defence budget from the United States in fiscal 1985/86 is making Egypt all the more determined to seek additional American aid when President Mubarak goes to Washington next month.

After Israel, Egypt is the second largest recipient of US aid, but Egypt's Prime Minister, Mr Kamal Hassan Ali, was quoted recently as saying that Egypt will request almost $1 billion more in addition to the current $2.2 billion aid package.

Mr Richard Murphy, President Reagan's Middle East adviser, had indicated in Washington that the Administration is sympathetic to the requests of both Israel and Egypt. He told the Miiddle East subcommittee of the House of Representatives that Egypt had a long way to go to solve its crippling economic problems.

Pro-Israeli Congressmen, however, believe Egypt is not living up to its promises at Camp David as long as it refuses to return its ambassador to Israel.

Recently a conciliatory note has crept into the somewhat chill relations between Egypt and Israel which might influence Congress. The three-day talks on the disputed Taba area ended on a mildly optimistic note.

● LONDON: A "broad similarity of views" on how to make progress in the Arab-Israel dispute emerged from talks yesterday in London between Mrs Thatcher and the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mr Ismat Abdul-Meguid

Mrs Thatcher and President Mubarak will both be visiting Washington in the next few weeks, and both are likely to urge on President Reagan the importance of giving some encouragement to Mr Yassir Arafat in their effects to reach a common stand on peace negotiations with Israel.

Mr Mubarak will also be paying an official visit to London in March.



Auschwitz twins: Camp survivors Lea Huber (left) and Yehudit Barnea listening to the Mengele hearings in Jerusalem

Tribunal hears of naked dwarfs filmed by Himmler

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

The harrowing public hearing into the war crimes of Dr Josef Mengele, the Nazi concentration camp doctor, moved into the realms of the surreal yesterday with the appearance of two Jewish dwarfs who had been subjected to genetic experiments in Auschwitz

Dressed incongruously in indentical black glitter stage gowns, the two sisters – members of a Hungarian family of 10, including seven dwarfs, famous in the pre-war European music halls – sat before the seven-man tribunal in specially designed wheelchairs.

The eldest, Mrs Elisabeth Moskovitch, explained how when the whole family had got off the train at Auschwitz, Dr Mengele had greeted them with the chilling remark: "Now I have 20 years of work."

He later personally rescued them from inside a gas chamber in order to keep them for his experiments, which included pulling out their teeth to compare them with those of normal humans.

The tribunal was told how on one occasion, Dr Mengele had exhibited the entire family naked at an SS hospital in front of an audience which included Heinrech Himmler, the SS chief who filmed the presentation with a hand-held camera.

Peres upset by response from Cairo

Jerusalem (NYT) – Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister expressed disappointment with what he described as Egypt's failure to respond to his efforts to improve relations between the two countries.

If Egypt's cool attitude continued, he said, there was a danger that the forces for peace in Israel would become discouraged and question the value of efforts to normalize relations with Arab neighbours.

It was Mr Peres's first public criticism of the Government of President Mubarak since becoming Prime Minister last September.

While Mr Peres has expressed admiration for Mr Mubarak, Monday's statement reflected mounting frustration over the continued absence of normal relations between Egypt and Israel, despite what Mr Peres sees as genuine efforts on his part to satisfy Egypt's conditios for returning an ambassador to Tel Aviv and warming up the so-called cold peace.

Asked if he was satisfied with relations after the deadlock in Beersheba over the disputed Taba border strip, Mr Peres said. "Frankly, I wish it could go a little bit further than it does."

There appears to be a feeling in Mr Peres's circle that, compared with the previous Likud administration, he presents "a window of opportunity" for Arab-Israeli peace efforts

Sidon's nightly skirmishes

One man's anti-war crusade

From Robert Fisk, Sidon

The storm outside had been raging for hours, and the wind was shaking the front door, gusting through the cracks and tormenting the little red candle on the table. The electricity had failed hours earlier, and only the lightning brightened the room now, flashing through the shutters at irregular intervals.

It was then that Ahmed heard the shooting, a low thumping sound like an old generator trying to start far away beyond the rain-soaked orange groves.

Out on the cold balcony, the whole city was bathed in the lightning, its mosques and apartment blocks, even the surf on the Mediterranean to the west, washed by a peculiar green light. But the shooting was easier to identify now. It came from the seashore below the orchard where the Lebanese militiamen of Israel's "South Lebanon Army" were enduring their nightly ambush.

Above the thunder, the cracks and pops of distant gunfire could be heard from the boulevard where Dr Nazieb Bizzri, the former Minister of Health and MP for Sidon, runs his clinic during the day. Every few seconds, a pink ball of tracer would arch gracefully skyward into the stormclouds.

Ahmed leant on the stone parapet of our balcony. "They go for the SLA every night," he said. "There's nothing unusual."

Nor did Dr Bizzri think so either. When we called on him in the morning, there he was in his clinic, a small, almost squat man with round, frameless glasses and a white moustache, as precise and courteous as any GP at his daily surgery. Dr Bizzri has become a sort of figurehead here these days, negotiating between Muslims, Christians and Palestinians to prevent a civil war in Sidon that both the Israeli and Lebanese governments have talked about. Dr Bizzri is, in fact, the voice of the Lebanese Government in occupied Sidon.

He spoke in a flat, monotonous voice; he was used to answering the same questions again and again from Lebanese reporters. "The inhabitants of this area have no intention of provoking any problems that could lead to fighting when Israel leaves," he said. "We are all agreed that we reject the occupation of Israel and reject confessional fighting. We have met with the officials of the Palestinian camps, and they have also agreed that their behaviour will be in accordance with that of the people of Sidon."

Then how, one wonders, did he account for that antagonistic little Palestinian flag that had been hoisted over the Lebanese Government's hospital outside the camp at Ein Helwe?

Simple, he said. The flag had been put there by Israeli agents as a deliberate provocation.

Up at the village of Mieh Mieh high above Ein Helwe, a Christian schoolteacher called George – few people give their family names here anymore – was looking down at the flag on the hospital roof. "The Palestinians do this sort of thing to our country," he said.

"We treated them so well when they first came here. We tried to help them. But now they don't care about us. That's why they put their flag on our hospital."

Only in the afternoon did someone try to heal the pain of it all. By sundown, a Lebanese flag was fluttering alongside the Palestinian banner over the half-ruined hospital, the result of some long negotiation by Dr Bizzri and his friends.

By nightfall, the streets were empty as usual, the new French boulevard lamps glaring uselessly down onto the empty shopping arcades, the rain sweeping in again from the Mediterranean. The SLA men at the end of Riad Solh Street and below the orange field prepared for their nightly ambush. As usual.

● In the headline of yesterday's report from south Lebanon, Brigadier-General Antoine Lahd, commander of the SLA, was wrongly referred to as an Israeli general.

Greece blames Turkey for border violation

Athens – Greece protested to Turkey last night over an incident on the border in Thrace, in which patrols were said to have exchanged fire (Mario Modiano writes).

Mr Yiannis Kapsis, the Foreign Under-secretary, met the Turkish Ambassador, Mr Nazmi Akinman, to protest against the violation of Greek territory by a Turkish border patrol yesterday.

Jordan accused of fostering violence

Jerusalem (Reuter, AP) – Mr Yatzhak Rabin, the Israeli Defence Minister, accused Jordan yesterday of compliance in the recent attacks on the occupied West Bank and said Israel would launch an all-out effort to catch those responsible for two Israeli deaths in five days.

In Ramallah, soldiers shut more than 100 businesses and shops until this afternoon to punish merchants for not cooperating with a search for a gunman who shot and killed an Israeli soldier on Monday.

Attacks against Israelis in the West Bank have grown more severe in the last two weeks, and the first civilian to be killed in two years died last Thursday of wounds suffered in a firebombing attack.

The Israelis see the the attacks as efforts by the Palestine Liberation Organization to regain control in the area after a two-year lull that followed Israel's routing of PLO guerrillas from south Lebanon.

The Army Chief of Staff General Moshe Levy, told Parliament the sudden upsurge in violence was grave and that the Army had deployed more soldiers. He acknowledged Israeli patrols were vulnerable to hit-and-run attacks.

● SHARON SILENCED: The bereaved father of Corporal Aharon Avidar killed on Monday on the West Bank, stopped former Defence Minister, Mr Ariel Sharon, from addressing mourners at his son's funeral, an eyewitness said. A Sharon aide approached the father and asked him to let the minister address the mourners. The father answered: "No".

Sri Lanka buys ten British gunboats

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

Sri Lanka has ordered ten high-speed gunboats from a British company to try to prevent the infiltration of rebels and their weapons from the coast of India into the island's troubled northern and eastern regions.

At the same time it has ordered armoured cars, rifles and other weapons to strengthen its internal security forces. All these military items are being bought commercially, but the purchases are being assisted by British Government export credits.

According to a senior government official, the Sri Lankans, facing an escalation of guerrilla activity from separatist rebels of the Tamil community, sought help with the supply of weapons from America.

They were told, however, by General Vernon Walters, a special adviser to President Reagan and just appointed Ambassador to the United Nations, that the United States was not prepared to supply their needs.

"Your armed forces are running out of control", General Walters is reported to have said, referring to reprisals on the northern population by the armed forces after terrorist attacks on military targets.

The guerrillas are fighting for a separate state for minority Tamils, who form 2.5 million of the island's 15 million population.

The British, however, have apparently had no such qualms, although the deals have not been arranged on a government-to-government basis.

The gunboats will be supplied by Cougar Marine after extensive testing, now completed, on prototype. They are 31ft long, powered by two 212 h.p. Sabre engines, armed with 12.7mm guns, and would normally take a crew of six but are to be adapted to take eight.

Fully laden, they will be able to skin across the waters of the Palk Strait between India and Sri Lanka at up to 45 knots; they will have a range of 150 nautical miles.

While the Sri Lankan Navy is getting its gunboats, the Army will be receiving armoured cars such as the Saladin, which is used in Northern Ireland. They will also be receiving British-made self-loading rifles and grenades. The Sri Lanka Air Force is proposing to buy British helicopter gunships.

"All our senior officers were trained at Sandhurst, Dartmouth and Cranwell," said the government source "so they are keen to have British-made equipment."

● LONDON: Sources in London point out that the Cougar boats are adapted versions of catamarans originally designed as leisure boats (Rodney Couton writes). It seems likely that supplying small arms may still be under discussion and not yet have reached firm contracts.

● REBELS KILLED: Six Tamil guerrillas were killed by security forces in Sri Lanka's east coast Trincomalee district when a separatist hideout was raided, a government spokesman said (Reuter reports).

Finns will send back wreckage to Russia

Helsinki (Reuter) – Finland is to hand back to the Soviet Union this week fragments of a stray missile that crashed into a northern lake on December 28, but it has asked Moscow to pay for the recovery. The Soviet Embassy recently requested return of the wreckage.

Finnish military experts think the missile was an aerial target rather than a cruise and that it crashed into frozen Lake Inari after going off course during Soviet naval exercises in the Barents Sea.

Almost all the fragments being have been recovered and are being studied by Air Force experts.

Arabs get own satellite

Riyadh (Reuter) – The Arab world's first satellite, will go into orbit on Friday, covering an area from the Strait of Hormuz to Mauritania.

It will be carried by a European rocket launched from French Guiana and, with its 8,000 telephone lines and eight TV channels, will vastly improve communications among Arab states.

Marseilles blast

Marseilles (Reuter) – Four people were killed and dozens of firemen injured when a gas explosion sent the roof of a seven-storey building crashing down on a bus and several fire engines.

Briton still held

Cairo (Reuter) – Godfrey Shiner, a Briton detained here in connection with a plot to kill a Libyan opponent of Colonel Gadaffi, has won bail, but is still held in custody. The Interior Ministry is considering an appeal against the bail decision.

Arms buyers

Athens – A Libyan delegation is in Greece negotiating arms purchase worth $500 million. The Libyans wish to buy the Artemis anti-aircraft missile gunships built under French licence.

Arson attack

Monrovia (AP) – The Liberian military Government denounced as "despicable" an apparent attempt to set fire to the home of Mr Amos Sawyer, an opposition party leader who intends to run for the presidency against the head of state, General Samuel Doe.

Reluctant Doe, page 8

Bombay riot

Bombay (AP) – Police opened fire on a violent crowd of protesters demanding more train services and civic facilities, killing four people and wounding seven. At least 29 policemen were injured by stone throwing.

Jew sentenced

Moscow (AP) – A Moscow court has sentenced a Jewish activist, Mr Alexander Kholmyansky, to 18 months in a labour camp on charges of possessing live ammunition that his wife alleges was planted in their flat. Refused permission to emigrate, he gave illegal Hebrew lessons to young people.

Sahara victims

Algiers (AFP) – Two Belgians, who disappeared on January 21 while flying a Piper Arrow over the contested Western Sahara, died when their plane was shot down by Polisario guerrillas, the Polisario's information service said here.

Press award

Paris (Reuter) – A veteran Filipino journalist, Jaboquin "Chino" Roces, kept under house arrest since 1983, has won the Golden Pen award of the International Federation of Newspaper Publishers.

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Red tape and prices cut for Rock influx

From Richard Wigg
Gibraltar

British holidaymakers on the Costa del Sol and Americans "doing" Europe and North Africa were among the first drivers taking advantage yesterday of Spain's lifting of the blockade of the Rock after almost 16 years.

By the afternoon, 14 hours after the big iron gates had been swung open, more than 200 vehicles had crossed from Spain, and about half as many had left for La Linea, the small Spanish frontier town across the isthmus. Tourist traffic is expected to build only gradually: excursion coaches begin operating regularly today.

Saluting policemen cut to a minimum the red tape inevitable at any Spanish frontier, though all passports were stamped. Those without their green motor insurance cards had to park and walk over.

"It's terrific", Mrs Dorothy Taylor, from Carlisle, said of the opening. With her husband, a retired Unilever manager, she spends regular winter holidays in Banalmadena, but yesterday she saw relatives in Gibraltar for the first time in almost 20 years.

Even after Spain's partial opening of the border in December 1982, British and other foreign passport holders could not travel direct from Spain to Gibraltar. Instead they have had to go via Tangiers.

Other British holidaymakers, an enterprising vanguard of whom hired cars at Costa del Sol resorts to make the two-hour journey, concentrated on shopping for English goods in Gibraltar's Main Street.



Conversation opener: An exchange of views shared on Spanish territory for the first time since 1969 as British and Spanish police met at the newly opened Gibraltar border yesterday.

A young Canadian couple of hitch-hikers crossed on foot and declared: "There has been so much about Spain's Gibraltar dispute that it's a kind of tourist propaganda. We decided to see the Rock on our way to North Africa."

As the first shot in a price war, spirits, petrol and cigarettes were all cheaper from yesterday after the Gibraltar Government reduced import duties.

Well-known brands of Scotch were 80p down at £3.75p a bottle, there was 3p off 20 cigarettes (50p), and petrol – at 38.5p a litre, 1.5p down – is 10 per cent cheaper than in Spain.

Across in La Linea, the local traders' organization has announced that it is preparing to cut prices in return.

Two vehicle carriers, each bearing eight Fiat cars and a container from the UK, heralded the commercial traffic expected to take advantage in large numbers.

The only ugly note was the burning of six cars by young Spanish vandals or extreme right-wingers. Four belonged to Gibraltarians who had parked on the Spanish side, one had British number plates and the last was Spanish.

It fell to Señor Mariano Baquedano, the civil governor of Cadiz, to unlock and unbolt at one minute into Tuesday morning the frontier gates shut by the Franco regime in June 1969 in pursuit of Spain's frontier claim. "Incredible, it's happened – after so many years," he said afterwards.

Guerrilla infiltration mounts

Pretoria protests to Botswana

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Pretoria has accused neighbouring Botswana of harbouring guerrillas of the banned African National Congress and allowing them to infiltrate into South Africa via the nominally independent tribal "homeland" of Bophuthatswana.

A statement issued yesterday by Mr Pik Botha, the South Africa Foreign Minister, spoke of serious concern about the situation which, he said, "cannot continue as at present".

Mr Botha also made public an earlier message to Mrs Gaositwe Chiepe, the Foreign Minister of Botswana, calling for agreement on "some effective and practical arrangement between the security forces of our two countries, to ensure that the territory of neither is used for the planning or execution of acts of sabotage or terrorism against the other".

Dr Quett Masire, the President of Botswana alleged on Monday that his country was threatened with invasion by South Africa and Bophuthatswana, which is treated as a foreign country by Pretoria but is not recognized as independent by the outside world.

According to the South Africans there has been a sharp increase in the movement of ANC guerrillas from Botswana into South Africa in the last few months, caused in part by closure of infiltration routes through Mozambique and Swaziland after the Nkomati Accord signed in March last year by Pretoria and Maputo.

Bophuthatswana has complained to Botswana about guerrilla activity, and said it might have to engage in hot pursuit of guerrillas who seek sanctuary on Botswana's territory. Parts of Bophuthatswana are contiguous with Botswana.



Bophuthatswana's ability to carry out such pursuit unaided is somewhat dubious, though it does have a paramilitary police force of several hundred men known as the National Guard. It could presumably count on South African reinforcements if required.

President Masire expressed particular alarm about what he takes to be Mr Botha's assertion to Mrs Chiepe of his Government's right to act against "terrorists and their supporters" in a neighbouring country even if the latter is unaware of their presence.

The border situation is understood to have been discussed by President Masire and Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the British Minister of State responsible for Africa, who completed a two-day visit to Botswana yesterday. He will also be visiting Lesotho and Swaziland which, like Botswana, are both former British protectorates.

ETA chiefs exiled to remote isle

From Martha de le Cal
Lisbon

Cape Verde, a former Portuguese colony off the African coast, has agreed to receive eight leaders of ETA, the Spanish Basque separatist movement, who are being deported from France.

The head of the military wing of ETA is reported to be among the eight. Cape Verde agreed to receive the ETA members after Spain sent a delegation there.

A spokesman at the Spanish Embassy in Lisbon said their being sent to Cape Verde was part of a general policy Spain has for deporting ETA militants to countries, particularly in Latin America, as far away from Europe, especially Spain, as possible.

The Indian spy scandal

Soviet bloc contacts are ordered out

From A Correspondent, Delhi

India has expelled a Polish and an East German contact as the country's espionage scandal took a new turn yesterday.

The expulsion of the east European links in the spy ring comes after a written confession Mr Coomar Narain, the Delhi manager of a Bombay company who is alleged to be the kingpin of the spy ring, made in court.

The affair has already led to the expulsion of the French deputy military attache, Lieutenant-Colonel Alain Bolley, and the withdrawal of the French Ambassador in Delhi, M Serge Boidevaix, at India's suggestion.

The Polish and East German officials who have been expelled have not been named. It remains to be seen whether India asks the ambassadors of Poland and East Germany to be withdrawn also.

The disclosure of Polish involvement has embarrassed Poland. An official spokesman at the embassy had, however, made it plain in answer to questions that the forthcoming visit of General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Polish Prime Minister, stands. He will be the first European head of government since Mr Rajiv Gandhi took over as Prime Minister to visit India. He will be in India from February 11 to 15.

The Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Dr P.C. Alexander, has already resigned and on Monday, the Secretary of Defence Production, Mr M.C. Sarin, went on leave before retirement. He said he was leaving in disgust over the Government's inability to stand up for its key officials.

Some 15 men are in custody, and several others have indicated their desire to make full confessions.

Yugoslav dissident jailed

Belgrade (AP) – A Yugoslav district court found a Philosophy professor guilty of anti-state activity and sentenced him to 18 months in prison, the *Politika* newspaper reported yesterday.

Professor Milan Mladenovic was convicted on the basis of contacts the prosecution said he maintained with supporters of *Savremenik*, a Serbo-Croatian periodical published in Paris. The court said *Savremenik* was anti-Yugoslav and had been founded in part by royalist sympathizers espousing the ideals of Drazha Mihailovic, an officer in the *Chetnik* movement executed after World War Two by the Cummunist government.

Dr Mladenovic, who pleaded innocent, did not deny contacting supporters of the publication during a trip to Paris, but maintained his actions were "only a search for the truth and justice".

His friends said he was on a hunger strike, which he began on January 16, six days after his trial opened.

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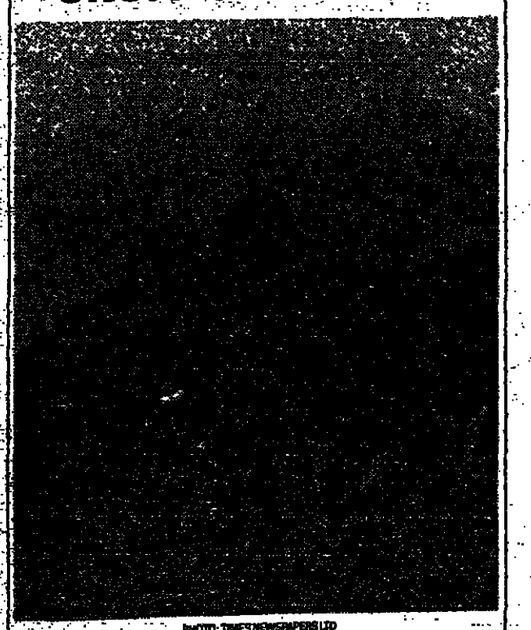


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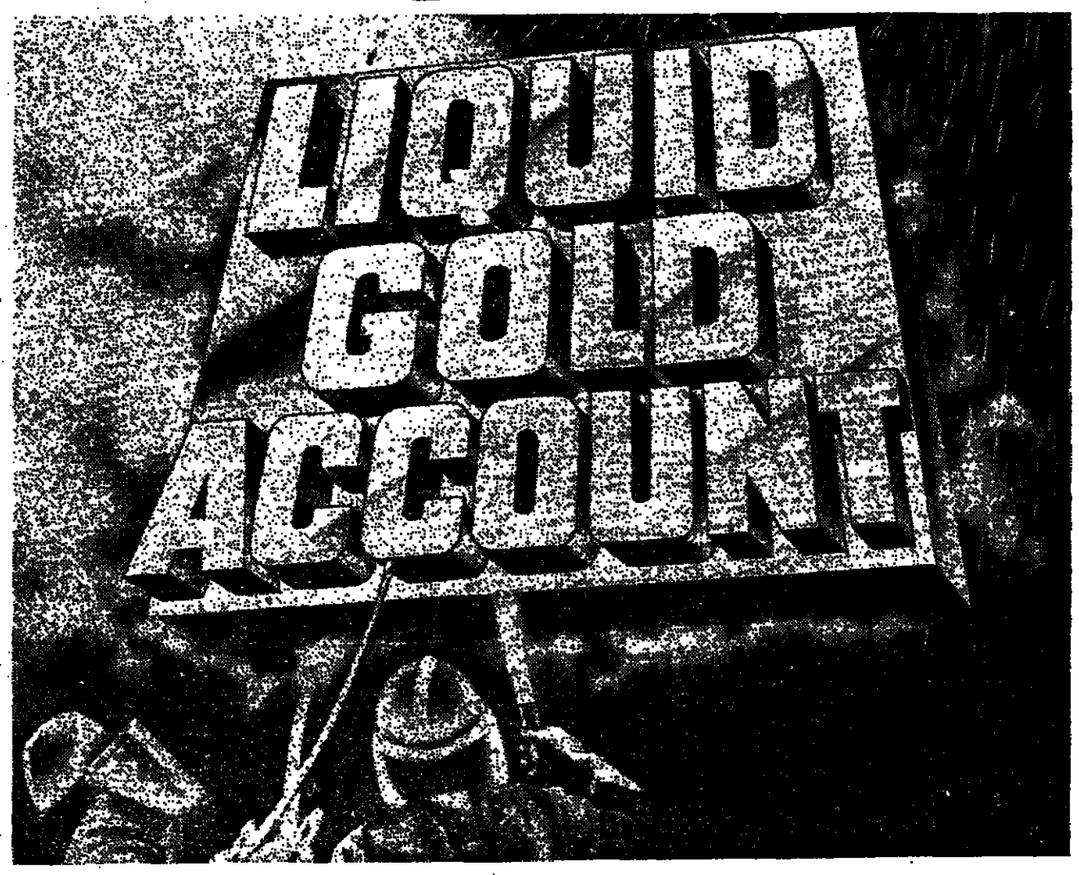
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the Leeds PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY

Stephen Aris concludes his series on the churches and their money with two which scrape by

Wesley's frugal tradition makes the most of little

FINANCING THE CHURCH

The once-powerful Methodists rely on prudent management to offset the effects of a shrinking and elderly congregation. Britain's Jews give away £40 million a year, but the synagogues are not as rich as popularly imagined

From its 18th century origins, Methodism has been a grass-roots religion, a refuge for the radical and the discontented. Some like Joseph Rank, the miller, whose £50 million legacy helps to sustain the church, may have been millionaires, but the driving force has always been the individual members who obeyed faithfully John Wesley's injunction to "earn all you can, save all you can and give all you can".

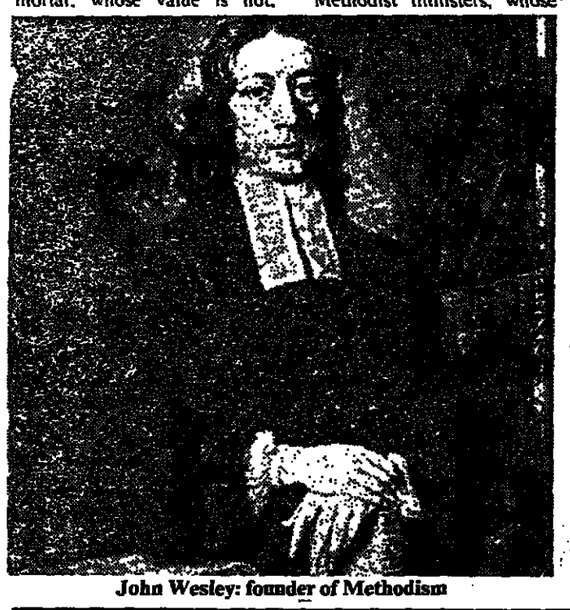
It was the hard-earned pennies of the industrial proletariat which, in the 19th century, built the Methodist churches, some so large that, as one minister put it, describing the Liverpool chapel in 1811: "A man will need strong lungs to blow his words from one end to another." And this is still true today. "We are an income-based, not a capital-based, church," says Derek Farrow, the head of the Methodists' finance department and himself a lay preacher.

Like most other organized religions in Britain today, Methodism is on the decline. The congregations who bear the main burden of the £30 million it costs to run the church each year (an average of £66 per head) are shrinking and elderly. Of 450,000 practising Methodists, no fewer than one third are pensioners.

Apart from the bricks and mortar, whose value is not according to standard church practice, included in the balance sheet, the disposable assets of the Methodist Church can be counted on one hand.

By far the most valuable possession is Central Hall, Westminster, which on paper is worth well over £10 million. Owned by the trustees of the Methodist Conference, it is old and inefficient, a property developer's dream. Its running expenses are enormous, but, by renting it out for conferences and other events, Farrow says, "we just manage to scrape by". By the terms of the trust the hall can be used only for religious purposes so, as Farrow says, "even if we could sell it, we should have great difficulty".

Methodist ministers, whose wages bill came to £13 million last year, are among the worst-paid in the country. Their income ranges from £5,300 to £5,600, with the average £5,505, and, although the house comes with the job and rates and decorations are paid, the overall package, with car allowance, is worth around £10,000. A Ford Escort, changed every three years, is the accountants' idea of what a Methodist minister should drive.



John Wesley: founder of Methodism

Although the Methodist style is necessarily frugal, however, a good deal of care and thought has gone into making the most of comparatively little. "We have always felt it important that we have a logical approach to what worldly goods we possess," says Farrow.

A small second-floor office, tucked away in one corner of Lincoln's Inn Fields, is where Methodist money is managed. There are no banks of computers or shirt-sleeved men shouting down telephones, just Charles Jacob, an ex-City broker and lay preacher, who is the Methodists' answer to the Anglicans' Church Commissioners. While the 350 people at No 1 Millbank look after £1,600 million, however, Jacob and his two assistants have a more modest task. The value of their portfolio is a mere £160 million.

Of this, £60 million belongs to churches who have pooled their savings in the interests of efficiency. Out of this total, £10 million is invested in equities, with the balance on deposit with building societies, local authorities and the like. The remaining £100 million or so is devoted to the pension fund and supporting such institutions as the National Children's Home in Highbury, the Methodist Homes for the Aged and the London Mission.

Jacob likes to stress the charitable aspect of his work. His main income comes not from the Methodists, but from a separate fund, which includes a Cambridge college and a Welsh university. For all that, however, he is something of a wheeler-dealer. As an investment manager he is, he says, a good deal more aggressive than the Church Commissioners, who once they have acquired a stock tend to stay with it.

Jacob, who has dealings with some 30 London brokers, jumps in and out of the market all the time. His speciality is what is known as "anomaly switching", spotting and snapping up individual stocks whose prices are out of line with the rest of market. He is reluctant to reveal specific details, but on the day I saw him he had just completed one such operation and had made, he said, a "very, very considerable profit".

The value of his investment fund rose in the financial year 1983-4 by a respectable, but not spectacular, 9.2 per cent, as against a 9.5 per cent in the FT all-share index. The return on Church deposits, however, was a highly creditable 12 per cent, and the minutes record that Jacob was warmly thanked for his efforts.

Even so, like those of other Church money-men, Jacob's hands are tied to a certain extent. He suffers from the same prohibition as the Anglicans in that he cannot invest in anything to do with the arms business, tobacco, entertainment or South Africa. As with the Church of England, however, the Methodists are increasingly investing abroad.

Their accounts show that some £5.6 million, more than 10 per cent, is now invested in Australia, Canada, Japan, Sweden and the United States. The biggest single investments in Britain are in such companies as GEC (£1.4 million), ICI (£1.2 million), Sainsburys (£1.1 million) and Shell (£1.4 million). The only major setback was an investment in the Brocks Group, on which the Methodists lost their money when the company went into liquidation.

The Church itself, however, thanks to prudent management, is more than solvent.



Showing the way: Sir Immanuel Jacobovits, leader of Britain's 350,000 Jews

The charitable Jews

"Any rabbi unlucky enough to fall out with his flock quite literally pays the price"

As a community, the country's 350,000 practising Jews are commonly regarded as being richer than most. Certainly they are more charitable. A recent survey, the first of its kind, conducted by a group of Jewish businessmen, reveals that Jews are currently giving away some £40 million a year to various good works, of which Israel accounts for £16 million. By comparison, the synagogues fare rather badly. Their annual income, so *The Jewish Chronicle* estimates, is some £8 million, or just over £20 a head for each man, woman and child.

Not all synagogues publish detailed accounts, but from those that do the picture that emerges is not exactly rosy. The Reform, with 31 synagogues scattered across the country, is actually running at a loss, while even the venerable United is having something of a struggle to make ends meet.

The United is the oldest and most established in the country, dating back to the end of the 18th century when the three great Ashkenazi synagogues in the City joined forces. The United is based on what the Jewish writer, Chaim Bermant, describes as "the belief in God and the Law of Moses and the adoration of all things English... it stands to Anglo-Jewry as the C of E stands to England." Except, he might have added, it is nothing like so rich.

Its offices at Woburn House, near Euston station, have a distinctly run-down air, and, although computers are expected shortly, for the moment the sums are done on adding machines. The United Synagogue's largest single asset is its £8 million investment fund, of which all but £257,000 is allocated for specific purposes. The amount of loose cash available is surprisingly small.

Where it can, head office helps local communities with their building programmes: the sum in 1983 was just over half a million pounds. It is also financially responsible for the Chief Rabbi, currently Sir Immanuel Jakobovits. This is an expensive item. The accounts show that, at £28,250, he is better paid than the Archbishop of Canterbury. On top of that, there is another £4,100 in pension contributions and a new car costing £9,130. Rent, maintenance and repairs to the official residence at Hamilton Terrace, St John's Wood, came to £22,000. Overall, the office of the Chief Rabbi cost the United Synagogue an estimated £143,000 last year.

For the most part, however, Jewish religious communities are expected to be self-sufficient: they raise their own money for new synagogues; they arrange their own membership fees, and pay their own rabbis. Any rabbi unlucky enough to fall out with his congregation quite literally pays the cost, as the hapless, all-singing, all-dancing Rabbi Clifford Cohen of the Liberal Synagogue discovered recently when his North London flock took strong objection to his jokes. Rabbi Cohen lost a job reported to be worth £20,000 a year.

Rabbinical salaries vary widely, depending on the richness or poverty of the neighbourhood. In a smart district like St John's Wood, a fashionable rabbi can easily earn more than £25,000 a year, while even in the poorer districts £10,000 a year is not exceptional. Fringe benefits like free houses and cars are also variable.

In raising money for the synagogue, the Jews leave nothing to chance. Contributions are not voluntary in the United Synagogue: there is a fixed scale of membership fees, which range from an annual £50 a head to £300, according to the prosperity of the area. Furthermore, the nearer the seats to the Ark of the Covenant, the more expensive they are as a general rule.

The table on the left reflects clearly relative prosperity. It shows also how the Jewish community has travelled over the past hundred years or so. Jews in the East End are now among the poorest in London. Between them, the 629 members of the East London synagogue managed to raise no more than £20,000. Unlike the practice in the Church of England, however, no attempt is made to even out the disparities.

The top six synagogues in London

A breakdown of the returns of the United Synagogues' individual synagogues, which cover the whole of London from Palmers Green to Richmond and from West Ham to Willesden, provides a fascinating snapshot of the economic demography of London's Jewish community. In terms of contributions:

Synagogue	Income (total)	Income (per head) (members only)
St John's W	£150,000	£113
Finchley	£188,000	£96
Edgware	£150,000	£88
Ilford	£172,000	£70
Stanmore	£155,000	£64
Hendon	£131,000	£64

Marchais ready to silence rebels

From Diana Geddes
Paris

For the first time in the French Communist Party's 65-year history, significant dissent with the official line will be openly voiced at the triennial congress – its 25th and most critical – which opens in the northern Paris suburb of St Quen today.

But the airing of that dissent is unlikely to have any effect. The hardline pro-Moscow conservatives, who dominate the leadership, are bound to win the day: M Georges Marchais will almost certainly be reconfirmed in his post as Secretary-General: with the result, many believe, that the party will continue in its inexorable decline.

The Communists, for long the largest party on the French left, have lost half their electorate in the past five years and can count on no more than about 10 per cent of the vote in national elections. Membership has fallen dramatically; sales of the Communist press have slumped; and even the party militants are failing to turn up at meetings of their local sections. The party is suffering from a loss of both identity and creditability.

The degree of disillusionment can be seen in the results of a poll, published at the wekend, showing that nearly half (46 per cent) of those professing to be Communist supporters believed the party had "entered a phase of inevitable decline", compared with only 39 per cent who believed it would be able to recover its pre-1981 electoral support.

That pessimism, however, is unlikely to be reflected in the voting patterns of the 2,000 delegates at the congress, the great majority of whom will be fulltime, centrally appointed officials anxious to toe the party line to preserve their jobs.

Judging from the overwhelming support already given by the party federations for the official draft resolution, the leadership can expect to obtain about 90 per cent of the vote for its policies and proposals for the future.

For a highly disciplined party wedded to the principles of democratic centralism, even a 10 per cent protest vote would be extraordinary, but it is most unlikely to result in any significant change. The leadership may decide to accept relatively harmless amendments to maintain a facade of democracy and to provide a useful safety-valve for some of the pressure building up among the rank and file. But the fundamental party line will almost certainly remain unchallenged.

Some of the more prominent so-called *renovateurs* or reformists, such as M Pierre Juquin, member of the élite 24-member Politburo and still the official party spokesman (although it is many months since he has been allowed to exercise that function), are nevertheless likely to see themselves penalized by losing their official posts and being voted off the more important decision-making bodies.

M Juquin has already been attacked in public by M André Lajoinie, leader of the Communist group in the National Assembly and a possible successor to M Marchais, for his forthright criticism of the leadership's "simplistic" analysis of the reasons for the party's predicament, and for his *lèse-majesté* suggestion that a leadership, which has admitted mistakes in the past, may still be committing errors.

The possibility of a Spanish-style schism within the party has been raised, but that seems unlikely. It is suggested that as many as 20 or even 30 per cent of Communists at grassroots level may be opposed to the official line. That does not mean, however, that all would be in favour of the Euro-Communist strategy advocated by M Juquin and other *renovateurs*.

Dissent is there, but it is still amorphous, unorganized, and very much in a minority. Some indication of its likely future influence will probably be provided when the 148 members of the new Central Committee, or "Parliament", are elected at the end of the four-day congress on Sunday. Many feel it will simply be crushed by the all-powerful party machine.



Papal guard: Heavily armed Peruvian troops on alert as the Pope addresses a crowd at Piura.

China backs its barefoot architects

From Mary Lee
Peking

Shou Zhenhua, chief architect of the Fourth Department at the Peking Institute of Architectural Design, is about to take a big step late in his career. At the age of 53, he is forsaking his "iron ricebowl" at the Design Institute to help start China's first private architectural firm, which goes by the grand name of Great Earth Architects and Engineers International.

The Great Earth company was inaugurated last month in the Great Hall of the People – proof that it has top-level support. Such support has enabled its five foreign partners, three of whom are overseas Chinese, to get the firm approved as a joint venture, even though the only capital which they will be putting in is "intellectual investment".

Mr Shou, one of eight local Chinese partners, sees the enterprise as offering a great leap forward both for himself and for Chinese architecture.

"There is no worthwhile architectural style in modern China because the administrators who govern our profession do not understand what it is all about", he said. "All they are concerned about is to save money and they think the only way to do this is to use cheap materials. As a result, some bad mistakes have been made."

Sometimes, he added, political decisions were also bad for architecture, as in the siting of the Mao Zedong mausoleum at Tiananmen Square in front of the beautiful Gate of Heavenly Peace. "It was the worst possible location because it spoils the entire perspective of the Forbidden City, but Hua Guofeng (then the party chairman) wanted it there, so that was that."

Mr Shou sees Great Earth as an opportunity to be a free architect, unencumbered by bureaucracy, and to educate his future clients on matters of style, design and planning. But the real reason why the venture has the support of the State Council is that its founders, the Hong Kong architect Mr Tao Ho and the Chinese Canadian Mr Alfred Peng, plan to train thousands of peasants to become "barefoot architects".

Apparently, one-eighth of some 700 million square metres of building floor-space put up in rural areas in 1982-83 has collapsed for lack of technical skill, or at least is deemed dangerous. Great Earth's barefoot architect scheme will be funded by the firm's profits

Reluctant Doe fuels poll crisis

By Kenneth Mackenzie

Conflicts between the military ruler of Liberia, General Samuel Doe, and the civilian politicians who hope to take over after elections later this year have come to a head with allegations that General Doe is acting illegally.

Politicians of three parties have combined to issue a joint protest about the dismissal of the co-chairman of the Special Elections Commission. He has been replaced by the brother of a leading member of General Doe's party.

The whole thing is in breach of the decree setting up what was meant to be a completely independent commission to supervise the elections, the politicians claim.

This is the latest of a series of strains that make a real transfer of power to elected civilians seem less and less likely. There should be elections for a legislature in October and for the presidency in November, and an inauguration of a civilian President in January, 1986.

The first snag came over a year ago when General Doe (Master Sergeant Doe when he seized power in April, 1980) let it be known that he was himself going to be a candidate. This involved postponing the timetable a year so that he could reach the age of 35, the minimum for a President under the constitution. Rules that candidates should resign from government posts were ignored.

The President's own party, the National Democratic Party of Liberia, is the only one so far registered by the commission.

General Doe has now forbidden one of the four other parties, the left-wing United People's Party, led by a former Foreign Minister, Mr Gabriel Baccus Matthews, to do any more canvassing.

Another leading left-wing party, the Liberian People's Party, was harassed last year when one of its leaders, Dr Amos Sawyer, a well-known academic, was arrested with others on an attempted coup charge it was subsequently dropped.

The Doe Government is under heavy pressure from the United States to allow the democratic process to continue, and General Doe has reacted petulantly, seeking to have the US Ambassador recalled and refusing to see a special envoy.

His regime, however, is heavily dependent on funds from the US and the IMF. Observers say government – and Army – salaries will cease to be paid by April if there is any interruptions in this aid.

Manila police seek missing Russian

From Keith Dalton
Manila

Philippines police are searching for a Soviet official believed by diplomatic sources to have defected after checking out of his Manila hotel before dawn 15 days ago.

The Soviet Embassy had requested government assistance to find Vladimir Ivanov, aged 46, who was a member of a six-man delegation which arrived in Manila on January 19 for a chemical products exhibition, the Foreign Ministry said. Two days later he checked out of his hotel at 5.30am and has not been seen since.

Authorities in Moscow as well as Mr Ivanov's wife and family are concerned about his welfare and the Soviet Embassy had officially requested the Philippines government's help in finding him, the Ministry said.

Diplomatic sources say Mr Ivanov left a note to his wife in his hotel room which said: "I love you Tanya."

An American Embassy official denied press reports that Mr Ivanov had sought political asylum in the US, but refused all other comment.

The Foreign Minister, Mr Arturo Tolentino, assured the Soviet Embassy that the Government is exerting all efforts to find Mr Ivanov "if he is still in the country".

● **REBEL SLAUGHTER:** Communist rebels gunned down 18 villagers in two separate execution-style killings witnessed by their families and neighbours in the southern Philippines.

They were among 34 to die in four violent incidents in the past five days. Over the weekend 16 died in two clashes between government and communist troops.

Fourteen men who were "uncooperative" to the communists were rounded up from there homes on Thursday, herded into the centre of Turkan town and shot, the regional commander, Colonel Carlos Aguillar said in a despatch to Manila.

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Pol Pot's guerrillas beaten back

From Neil Kelly
Bangkok

Heavy attacks by Vietnamese and Cambodian troops have forced Khmer Rouge guerrillas to withdraw from three strongholds in the Phnom Malai mountains of western Cambodia, according to Thai military officers on the border.

Reports of the fighting, which has been going on for the past 10 days in hilly terrain, vary considerably. Correspondents have not been allowed into the border area.

The Vietnamese are using heavy artillery, rockets and Russian T-54 tanks in their drive against key bases of the Khmer Rouge whose military commander is still Pol Pot, the ruler of Cambodia before Vietnam's invasion. A Thai military spokesman said three or four of the tanks appeared to have been knocked out.

He said the Vietnamese had suffered about 200 casualties, killed and wounded. Guerrilla casualties have been put at 50 killed and 150 wounded in the past 10 days.

The Vietnamese are reported to be employing as many as 18,000 troops. The number of guerrillas is not known but the Khmer Rouge have about 50,000 men under arms throughout Cambodia.

Soviet troops accused of massacre

Delhi (AP) – Soviet soldiers in Afghanistan, seeking to avenge the death of a Communist official, fired into a crowded bazaar, killing about 45 civilians and wounding 17, according to two Western diplomatic reports released yesterday.

The killings occurred in Kandahar. The slain official was described as an Afghan who was a junior Communist Party member. The reports were provided separately to reporters by Delhi-based diplomats at two embassies.

Shining Path blacks out Lima to defy Pope

Lima (Reuter) – Maoist guerillas gave their defiant answer to a call for peace from the Pope by plunging Lima in darkness as he returned from a visit to northern Peru.

Guerrillas of the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) movement blew up electricity pylons and blacked out the city for the 10th time in two years.

To ram their point home, the rebels lit beacons forming the hammer and sickle emblem on a hill above the city as the Pope travelled in from the airport.

Their action dealt a double blow to peace prospects raised by the Pope's appeal on Sunday in Ayacucho, the Andean city at the heart of the guerrilla war zone, for an end to their four-year fight against the government of President Fernando Belaunde Terry.

A television station reported that pylons were blown up at Jicamarca, 18 miles east of Lima.

The power went off at 9 pm and the electricity company said it was restored in 80 per cent of the city less than three hours later.

A Vatican spokesman said the Pope returned safely to the Vatican embassy and kept to his schedule

The blackout occurred on the Pope's last full day in Peru, the third stop on his four-country tour of Latin America and the Caribbean. He had previously visited Venezuela and Ecuador.

North Korea seizes boats

Seoul (AP) – North Korean naval craft shot at and seized two South Korean fishing boats off the west coast yesterday, the Defence Ministry announced.

The boats were seized 33 miles west of Paekryong, a South Korean island in the Yellow Sea. The ministry claimed they had been fishing with about 30 other South Korean craft.

Ministry officials said they did not know how many North Korean naval ships were involved. There was no report of injuries or damage.

South Korea demanded the immediate return of the vessels and their 20 crew.

The ministry alleged the action was intended to create social unrest in the South to disrupt parliamentary elections next week.

THE ARTS

Television

Friend or foe?

It often seems that the *This Is Your Life* scenario, in which old "friends" are reunited, could not be more grotesque; certainly it is fraught with dangers as last night's play, **Brigadista** (BBC 1), made clear. This was the story of a novelist who, at the end of a long career, has decided to publish his memoirs of the Spanish Civil War. One of the most damaging consequences of that conflict, however, is the unreliable memory of its participants and, from the unlikely start of a publisher's publicity manager going to the trouble of finding her author's contemporaries, this turned into a drama of deceit and concealment as the Old Comrades' Reunion goes badly wrong.

There seemed to be two points: there is one law for the rich etcetera, and that working-class Scots retain their convictions for rather longer than middle-class Englishmen. As a conversation piece it was constructed skilfully enough but, as a reflection on the nature of facts and historical truth, it was not sufficiently disturbing to disarm a certain incredulity at the stage managed plot. Nevertheless it may still have provoked some shivers in historical biographers, and Paul Rogers as the victimized novelist gave a good performance as a peremptory and self-obsessed "middle brow" writer.

Maelstrom (BBC 1) must be the first thriller to be set in Norway, at least since the days of Ibsen, and one of the few to concern a fish-processing factory. The dialogue may have left something to be desired but, as with some of the more stolid of last night's performances, we may put this down to the Eternal Twilight. It was nice to see so much of the Norwegian countryside, however, and of the fish-processing factory; perhaps, in the end, something will happen.

Peter Ackroyd

● Matthias Bamert is to be Scottish National Opera's principal guest conductor for three years from August 1, it was announced this week. His first concert in this role will be a London Prom on August 1 – Mr Bamert's London debut. He will then open SNO's 85/86 winter season in October with concerts in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Dundee and Inverness.

● Paul Eddington and Felicity Kendal will lead the cast in the first West End production of Tom Stoppard's acclaimed award winning *Jumpers*, which opens at the Aldwych Theatre on April 1.

Is there a Schnitzler revival? **Glenys Roberts** talks to Christopher Fettes (right), director of *The Lonely Road*, which opens at the Old Vic tonight

From Vienna to the Old Vic



The Viennese playwright, Arthur Schnitzler, is still struggling to get recognition in Britain. *Reigen*, alias *La Ronde*, helped a couple of years ago when it came out of copyright and there were two simultaneous productions. Even so it had taken 80 years to reach the London stage. And there was of course *Das weite Land (The undiscovered Country)* at the National Theatre. Now two more Schnitzler productions are due to open in quick succession: *Intermezzo* at Greenwich and *The Lonely Road* tonight at the Old Vic.

The Lonely Road, written eight years after *Reigen*, had none of its compact exuberance, and was described by the author as an anti-play. A sizeable cast of talkative characters wander rather loosely in and out of the proceedings to share their intimate secrets before departing for such destinations as Afghanistan and the grave. It is still popular in Russia for its aura of Chekhovian misery and denigration of *fin de siècle* morals.

"It is a play which gives a unique insight into the bourgeois society in the earlier years of the century," says Christopher Fettes, the Old Vic director. "Schnitzler is not interested in eternal verities, he succeeds in creating an astonishingly detailed picture of those people in that class at that particular moment in time and for all of us it has this connotation of *deja vu* for the very sound reason that so many of the very remarkable people in Vienna at that time became the acknowledged architects of everything we now mean by 'the Sixties' ".

By chance the production heralds a Festival of Mahler, Vienna and the 20th century to be held in London throughout this year which will remind audiences just how prolific the talent was in all areas. Alban Berg, Gustav Klimt, Sigmund Freud, Ludwig Wittgenstein are just a few names who contributed to the birth of Modernism, many of them Jewish. Fettes sees their recognition this year as a clumsy redress for the anti-semitism which dogged Schnitzler's career. He was vastly encouraged by the artistic success of *The Undiscovered Country* in Paris last year with Michel Piccoli. But he says he first developed an affinity for Schnitzler when he came out of the Army 30 years ago and saw Max Ophüls' films, *La Ronde* and *Liebelei*.

Fettes is Scottish. "a permanent alien" here, even though he does not live across the border and will work there for the first time when he does Handel's *Orlando* for the Scottish National Opera this summer.

"Austrians living here usually say the English don't understand Schnitzler. I would say it is a very Scottish production. Certainly it is a socialist interpretation of the work which asks the audience to sit back, think, judge and question and not get emotionally involved."

The sense of alienation first seems to have struck Fettes when he dropped out of Oxford in the early Fifties because they asked him to study Shakespeare in eight weeks. He became an actor with Joan Littlewood, a founder member of the Royal Court; and he met the Jewish actor Harold Lang who introduced him to Stanislavsky and his Method. Fettes' studies with Lang and the Swedish teacher Yat Malmgren in the company of people like Peter Brook, Tony Richardson and Bill Gaskill, led to his foundation in 1963 of the Drama Centre for English students who were drawn to the ideas of French, German and American theatre. Fettes still works there, creating £700 productions with the students. One of the most recent was *Hamlet* with Colin Firth who creates some classic two-handed vignettes in *The Lonely Road* with Tony Hopkins.

"I dug up a translation and sent Tony the play four years ago when he was living in California. He wrote back immediately and said it was wonderful. We had always planned to work together ever since he had been at the Old Vic in the old days but we hadn't planned *The Lonely Road* to be our first production."

The real shape of the play came about with the designer Maria Bjornson. "Like Checkhov, Schnitzler is not a realist he is an impressionist. Throughout last summer Maria and I tried to define what you meant by impressionism when you were not thinking of painters or a great writer like Marcel Proust but the stage and the physical problems of a presentation upon it.

Schnitzler, whose father was a top laryngologist, became a doctor himself and a psychiatric assistant. "Freud was nervous of meeting him because he considered him to be some kind of *doppelgänger* and said he had anticipated many of his own discoveries. In fact I think he had a slight edge on Freud who never perceivd the sociological problems of human behaviour. Schnitzler was an extremely promiscuous young man, an artist and a romantic.

"But by the time he wrote *The Lonely Road* in middle age he is critical of the cult of individual genius handed down since Michelangelo and sets out to stage an anaylsis of a grave modern malaise which the world at the time was convinced was a terminal illness. They had a belief, derived from medicine, in therapeutic nihilism which meant that to attempt a cure was fatal to the accurate understanding of the nature of disease. There is no doubt that this belief led to the sense of helplessness which afflicted so many Jewish people and others at the time, allowing the collapse of their world to happen."

Theatre

Poplar revolt

Better Times
Stratford East



Municipal martyr: Robert Keegan as George Lansbury

First announced for last September, Barrie Keefe's reconstruction of the 1921 Poplar "Rate Revolt" at last arrives to coincide with the first blows of the rate-capping hammer. Politically well-timed, it is also a subject to stir local loyalties in Stratford; and it says much for this author and Philip Hedley's company that the production amounts to a good deal more than a morale-boosting party.

In 1919, Poplar returned a Labour-controlled council. Two years later, the council dug their heels in and refused to levy the London County Council rate for the police, fire brigade, and asylums to maintain the level of poor relief for the borough's 15,000 unemployed: a decision for which 30 of the councillors went to prison, from which they were released six weeks later to cheering crowds.

As Mr Keefe tells the story, it is much more an examination of opposing Labour tactics and compromise than a heroic chapter of Labour history. Apart from a brief glimpse of a toothache-stricken Lloyd George and a derisively narrating policeman (with strong views on the "Poplar Kremlin"), conflict takes place only between the factions of the Left, with no political villains in sight.

The arrests, for instance, are carried out by an apologetically courteous sheriff's officer, who hands out writs as if bestowing club memberships; a scene of delicious comedy immediately followed by the full brutality of committal to Brixton.

But most of the action consists of a sustained dramatic argument for and against civil disobedience. On one side, there is George Lansbury (Robert Keegan) and his fellow councillors: on the other, Herbert Morrison, then Mayor of Hackney (Larry Dann), and much abused by his visionary fellow socialists for looking at the world "through the wrong end of a municipal drainpipe".

The slogan that resounds through the piece is that "if the law is wrong, break it". But the piece is there to start arguments more then draw conclusions; and given the play's power to articulate its politics through well-realized character, it should certainly do so.

Irving Wardle

Light
Soho Poly

During one of the long rhetorical duologues that make up most of this verse play about imprisonment, the girl who is suffering says to the man who is suffering (the guards too, by the way, are suffering), "I don't understand". This phrase uncovers the flaw in modern essays at verse drama. No character in Shakespeare tells another he can't understand him. Nor do they in 19th century poetic drama when few but the authors ever could understand them. But modern characters, and the authors behind them, are aware that people who talk poetry talk in riddles. What has been said one way must next be said another way or audiences will miss the point.

Peter McDonald is a young Northern Irish poet, winner of a recent Newdigate Prize, and his concern here is to compare the pain others inflict upon us with the pain we inflict on ourselves. Into a room that is part prison cell part guardroom (gin bottles, busty pin-ups) are thrown an unhappy prostitute (Kate Paul) who screams and a celebrated painter (Jo Bindley) whose eyes have been pierced. The failure to place these characters in a political or firm social context is made worse by their lack of individuality.

The girl remembers nothing of her life but a seduction at 14, while such details the man recalls (a dog that bit him) add up to nothing we can use to understand him. Jo Bindley is further burdened with the task of playing a grandfather while looking twenty-one.

Robin Brooks and Len Collin fare better with the limited but precise natures of the guards – tender thug, tense sadist. Their speeches contain the better verse, though the sharp images play havoc with their characters.

One interesting idea does emerge when the painter reveals that he blinded himself – unlike Oedipus, for seeing too little of the world's harsh reality. This curious cop-out leads only to a religious close where wounds become stars and dead flesh is flame.

Jeremy Kingston

Concert

Some banjo, some player

Kang/Devoyon
St John's/Radio 3

Nothing remarkable, perhaps, about coming across another talented young Korean violinist; but Dong-Suk Kang's lunchtime recital on Monday was remarkable, nevertheless. One might have forseen that he would surmount the technical challenges of Guillame Lekeu's 1891 Sonata in G with something to spare, and so it proved. Time after time he encompassed the yearning leaps of these ripe melodies on a single string (often a wonderfully mellow "g"). A dangerous gambit, but it was executed here with complete security of intonation, and paid dividends in terms of the increased capacity for portamento effects, which Kang effected with a fine sense of period.

Less predictable was the Korean's empathy with this feverish, intense music, written by a 21-year-old who had but three years to live and seems to have sensed it. Kang's ability to vary the weight and timbre of individual notes according to their harmonic and melodic implications – to stab bitterly at some and glide flectingly over others, dwell fractionally longer on the telling cadences – imparted a bitter-sweetness over and above that already in the printed notes. Only at the start of the slow movement, with its over-long build-up of slightly Elgarian sequences, did he seem momentarily uncertain of his interpretative direction.

Pianist Pascal Devoyon, content to provide the requisite wash of nascent impressionism in the Belgian's music, came much more into the foreground in another Sonata in G by Ravel. He provided a firmly contoured melodic line round which Kang weaved his scurrying *moto perpetuo* in the finale, and contributed an apt rhythmic flexibility to Ravel's somewhat studious "blues" movement.

But here Kang, who had noticeably lightened and freshened his tone to match the new piece's mood, stole the attention again with some irresistible and thoroughly idiomatic "bending" of pitch. New Orleans style, and rightly straight-faced banjo imitation. Some banjo; some player.

Richard Morrison

Galleries

Design for living

The Good Design Guide
Boilerhouse

The last time the Boilerhouse Project undertook to give us an overview of good design in the last century or so, with its *Taste* exhibition a couple of years ago, the effect was embarrassingly patronising and irritatingly pontifical. This time the same sort of thing has been managed much better with **The Good Design Guide – 100 Best Ever Products** (until February 11). Even if the title sounds a bit plonking, challenging one to inquire "who says?", at least the answers to such a question are immediately forthcoming: each one of the products has been nominated by some person or group, and the labels (though not the catalogue) tell us who, so if we have an argument, we know exactly where it should be directed.

The products themselves could hardly be more catholic in their choice: from the Concorde (represented, curiously, by a model which does not have that dip at the front which is the plane's most obvious trademark) to a Pleiade edition of a classic French text, from an Eric Ravilious Coronation mug to a lidded Chinese tea mug inscribed with the thoughts of Chairman Mao, from a Durabeam torch to a classic penny-loafer shoe, there is just about everything you could possibly think of and several you would never think of in a million years. Not, I hasten to add, because they are so poorly designed, but because they have entered our modern consciousness so completely that we hardly think of them as being designed at all. Of course someone must have designed the first pocket calculator or 500-series screwdriver of Bic disposable ballpoint pen, but we treat them as though they just somehow grew.



Mugshot: Tea mug with Maoist slogans

That may, indeed, often be the essence of lastingly satisfactory design: anything which is too palpably designed, let alone "designery", may well pall after a while with constant use, like those over-extended logo-sequences they will give television programmes, wonderful the first time and maddening by the fifth. The show does, however, accept that some good design – some of the best – is quite simply "vernacular".

We suppose that a Burgundy bottle or a Panama hat or a 501 button-front jean or a Sabatier kitchen knife must equally have been designed by someone somewhere, but their origins are shrouded in anonymity. At the other end of the scale, the design of beer or soda cans reasonably takes the chance for maximum display, since how else are you going to identify the invisible beverage within? Though, to carp just a little, one might wonder why Quatro and Dr Pepper, but not the easy-grip, instantly identifiable Coca Cola bottle? Has it, like the Campbell's Soup tin, been too decisively annexed by fine art to hold up its head as good practical design any more? Artists as the great devaluers of design: now there is a thought to conjure with.

John Russell Taylor

Dance

Sleeping Beauty
Covent Garden

Monday night's *Sleeping Beauty*, the first of the season at Covent Garden, brought the house debut of Mark Ermler, the Royal Ballet's second guest conductor this year from the Bolshoi. Like Gennady Rozhdestvensky, he is familiar with the needs of ballet: we first heard him in Britain, before he became a regular visitor to Welsh National Opera, with the Bolshoi Ballet at the Coliseum in 1974.

The overture announced what was to be the style of his performance: a dramatic but certainly not overdone contrast between crisp, sparkling allegro sections and expansive adagios. One or two moments during the action came as a slight surprise, notably a somewhat speedier pace than usual for parts of the Rose adagio. The garland waltz, too, bowled along at a spanking pace, whereas the panorama music for the journey by Florimund and the Lilac Fairy to the sleeping Aurora spread itself in a most leisurely way.

This was fine, because Ermler's interpretation served to keep both players and dancers alert, without ever (as has happened with some guest conductors new to ballet) putting a spanner in the choreographic works. His tempi were sometimes demanding but always practicable and attractive.

Lesley Collier's Aurora, especially, took on a burnished glow in response to the music. It is a constant pleasure to see how she, the senior active member of the company's female ranks, goes on constantly developing and improving her roles quite as much as the newcomers a decade or more younger than she.

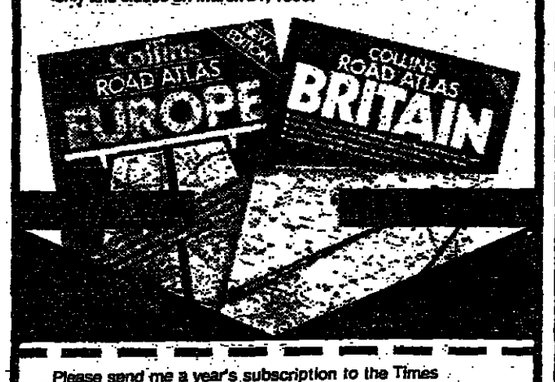
Her style, presence and bravura were nicely matched by the similar qualities of Stephen Jefferies as Florimund. The rest of the cast was more conscientious than inpsired except for Deirdre Eyden's brilliantly incisive solo in Act III. When shall we see her as Aurora?

John Percival

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THE BRITISH AND THEIR PETS

In part two of his series, Alan Franks looks at the vast growth of Britain's pet food industry



More and more money each year is spent on the diet of man's best friend





Television advertising exploits the family-based appeal of food for the pet. Shows add to commercial pressures

Judging from the state of Britian's pet industry, we are reciprocating the friendship we receive from the dog very handsomely, spending more and more each year on his diet, leisure, his holidays and his psychological well-being.

Cats are doing very nicely too, as are the myriad of millet-consumers, lettuce-chewers and cereal-eaters down in the less populous reaches of the domestic animal world.

If we take everything into account – from the pet's initial cost through to feeding, maintenance, kennelling, housing, toys, gadgets, life insurance and burial, we find that Britain is spending about £1 billion a year, a growth of nearly 40 per cent during the past five years. There are not more animals about than there used to be – the population remains steady – but there has been a small boom in fringe trades and a consolidation of marketing strategies in the really big business of canned foods.

As you can see from our tables, we spend more than half of the one billion on tinned dog and cat foods alone. That is five times as much as our capital outlay on *all* pets purchased in a year.

Intense competition between the 10 established brands distributed nationally through grocery chains has been excellent news for the consumer, leading to a price war at the top and middle of the market.

So strong is the stranglehold of the Big Three manufacturers, Pedigree, Spillers and Quaker, that it has virtually prevented entry of any rival products in recent times; Pedigree Petfoods alone takes a colossal 60 per cent of the market – half of which is accounted for by the perennial best-seller Chum – and has become an organization so vast that it is reckoned to be Europe's biggest user of cans.

The pattern is sustained and reinforced by almost exclusive use of television for advertising. It may be the most expensive method but none is better suited to exploit the family-based appeal of the pet business. In 1983 Pedigree spent £40 million to advertise Chum and other £1.1 million for its second-best "quality" seller, Pal.

The cat sector shows a similar picture – the Big Three dominating again – with one "superbrand", Whiskas, getting the lion's share of customers and receiving a proportionately high advertising budget; £7 million in 1983.

No one in the industry forecasts great changes in these patterns. The message seems to be that while the British may be ready to tighten their own belts during the recession, few are asking their pets to do the same.

Meanwhile, in two other areas of the industry – the pet shop and the accessories trade – there is movement; the first downward, the second upward. The rise in the prepared petfood market after the Second World War coincided with, and was partly fuelled by, the rise of grocery chains. According to Euromonitor's survey last year, petshops have "never been numerous enough, nor have they attracted commercially motivated management enough to provide the retailing opportunity for such massive volume movement".

The survey paints a sad picture of decline among the 2,500-odd shops: shop fronts are "generally shabby and uninviting", lighting and display are poor, product ranges are duplicated, stock levels are high and promotional activity is rarely seen.

Yet there is a positive, if poignant, rider: "Pet shop owners are often highly knowledgeable about pets and pet welfare, and will gladly advise customers at length about any aspect of pet care. Goodwill, therefore, must be considered their main advantage over their competitive retailers."

> **Another classic error is the way in which so many people pick their pet to suit the size of the home**

With the accessories market now forming well over 10 per cent of that billion-pound total, many of these small shops are again in danger of losing out to a packaged, grocery-style distribution system.

We are now spending some £20 million on "treats and snacks" and about the same on medicaments and cosmetics, in particular flea treatments, worming tablets, shampoo and conditioners. We are also forking out more on such essentials as house training pads, scratching posts and excreta bags.

When it comes to health, we are spending between £35 million and £40 million. Vaccinations (at £20 a shot, plus annual boosters at £12) account for nearly half of this, with the rest going on consultancy fees, drugs, treatment charges, and operations.

The overall figure of 6,000 vets in general practice throughout the UK is misleading where pets are concerned, since fewer than 600 of the 1,600 total practices concentrate on the small animal sector. (However, there is a network of 100 surgeries run by the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals and kept going by private contributions).

Animal psychiatry, though it may sound alluring to the layman, is not quite the growth area we might wish. Admittedly, some interesting research is coming out of America and Europe, but the real development here is between the vet and the owners.

Mr Jim Allcock, a vet of 30 years standing, says: "I think the vets are simply taking more of an interest in the general circumstances – what you might call the social condition – of the pets. Let's say a dog comes in with something simple, a torn ear perhaps. In the course of conversation with the owner, the vet will try to establish whether there is anything in general that's amiss – a bit like the human doctors do, the good ones anyway.

"No, it's the people who need the advice, or how else can the animals benefit? Part of the trouble is that we are asking naturally gregarious creatures to live in a solitary state. Another classic error is the way in which so many people pick their pet to suit the size of their home – you know, a Yorkshire terrier for a bed-sit, up to something huge for a country mansion. In fact, there are tiny dogs like the Jack Russell who are very, very active, and great big ones like the Irish Wolfhound who are bone idle and lead perfectly contented lives in a small flat."

None the less, most owners mean well, even though they should do their homework more thoroughly. Some are so devoted that they take out insurance policies on their pets. On the cover of Pet Plan's leaflet, there's Katie Boyle, looking almost as well-coiffured as her white poodle, and saying: "When Bizzie Liz had serious eye problems recently, Pet Plan paid my vet's bill of £114 immediately." And sure enough, for a premium of little more than £30, you can buy several hundred pounds' worth of cover for vets' fees, emergency kennelling and accidental death and £500,000 for third party legal liability.

There is a trade, if not roaring then barking, in holiday kennels, with prices ranging from £2.50 a day for basic board and lodging up to 10 times that amount for five-star luxury, complete with thick pile carpet and colour television. "You may laugh," says one dog owner, "but all they're doing is offering the same kind of life that the animal's used to at home. It's bad enough to be separated from your familiar routines, and from the people you depend upon, without also being chucked into somewhere strange and hostile. How would you like it?"

But enough of the things we do for our pets (and for a price). There is a substantial body of evidence to support the theory that they can help us, medically and psychologically. This is not such a modern notion. Forms of what we would call psychotherapy involving dogs were being practised as long ago as the 18th century; and Freud often had a dog present during consultations on the assumption that it was an aid to social intercourse.

Not only is it claimed that pet owners have greater life expectancy than non-owners (from which it can be argued that pets have a preventive function), but also that pets can directly help the elderly recover from strokes and heart attacks. A survey conducted at Pennsylvania University shows that in a sample of 78 post-coronary patients, the vast majority of survivors had pets.

Also, the medical profession is starting more and more to consider pets – effective antidotes to depression, bereavement, apathy, obesity and even hypothermia. In this country, largely as a result of pioneering work by the American psychiatrist Dr Boris Levinson, the Society for Companion Animal Studies was founded six years ago specifically to study emotional bonds between people and animals.

Dr Levinson says: "Pets are of particular help to those groups which our society forces into a marginal position: children without families, the aged, mentally retarded, and the emotionally disturbed. All these suffer from isolation, a scarcity of rewarding activities and a sense of rejection by the world around them. For such people a pet can sometimes literally mean the difference between life and death."

As the elderly population increases, so does the contribution which pets can make. Eighteen months ago, the PAT scheme (PRO-Dogs Active Therapy) started in Derbyshire through which selected dogs, having passed tests to determine a friendly disposition, become registered visitors to homes and hospitals. Already there are 400 dogs in the scheme, in 43 counties in England and Wales. "It has snowballed beyond our wildest dreams," says founder Lesley Scott Ordish. "We have just started seven new branches and got eight more area secretaries." The scheme has been warmly welcomed by the Royal College of Nursing, where a senior official agrees that "touching and playing with animals helps to care, cure and console".

But, however strong our bonds with the animal world may be, there remains in Britain that "hidden statistic" of 250,000 homeless dogs and an unrecorded number of stray cats: figures which keep charities like the RSPCA, the National Canine Defence League and the Animal Welfare Trust busy and oversubscribed the whole year round. The RSPCA, with 250 inspectors and 213 branches, is not, as is often thought, an agency caring for the nation's pets but one battling over "big issues" such as intensive farming, animal laboratories, wildlife protection and the sort of cruelties "done on such a massive scale that they leave little time for domestic pets."

The Canine Defence League, founded in 1891, with 50,000 members and 14 centres, is one of the biggest agencies in the field. It is committed never to destroy a healthy dog, and to try and spey every bitch sent to a home "so that we don't get 16 puppies back . . . oh yes, we *are* a nation of animal lovers, but only up to a point. But if you look at it from our vantage point you get a very different picture. And it's not a pretty one."

TOMORROW

Britain's sporting and slothful pets

CANNED DOG FOOD MARKET SHARES
MANUFACTURER'S NAME IN BRACKETS

Unit: total volume sold

Top-priced sector	
Pedigree Chum (Pedigree)	30
Pal (Pedigree)	9
Choice Cuts (Spillers)	3
Kennomeat (Spillers)	2
Mr Dog (Pedigree)	1
TOTAL	45
Medium-priced sector	
Bounce (Pedigree)	9
Bounce Chunks (Pedigree)	9
Bonus (Spillers)	8
Chunky (Quaker)	8
Others/house	7
TOTAL	32
Low-priced sector	
Chappie (Pedigree)	9
Big Value (Spillers)	4
Others/house	7
TOTAL	23

Source: Trade estimates



Consumer expenditure on prepared pet foods

Unit: £million

Canned dog food	252
Mixers/meal/biscuit	71
Semi-moist foods	11
Other prepared dog food	9
Total dog food	343
Canned cat food	258
Dry cat food	16
Semi-moist cat food	7
Total cat food	281
Total dog and cat food	624
Budgerigar seed	8
Other food bought for dogs and cats	58

Source: Euromonitor 1983

Consumer expenditure on pets non-food products

	£million
Cat litter	23
Treats, chews	18
Medicaments and cosmetics	20
Aquaria and equipment	24
Fish products	6
Leads, collars, clothing	12
Grooming equipment, toilet and feeding utensils, toys	15
Domiciles	12
Total sales	130

Source: Euromonitor 1983

Canned cat food market shares, 1983

Unit: percentage of total volume sold

Whiskas	46
Kattomeat	10
Kit e Kat	14
Katkins	7
Felix	5
Choosy	3
Supermeat Choosy	3
Top Cat	3
Bonus	2
Nine Lives	3
House brands/others	7

Source: Trade estimates

EXPENDITURE ON PETS BY REGION, 1981/82 AVERAGES

	UK average =100	% of household's total expenditure
North	94.7	0.78
Yorks/Humberside	83.2	0.69
North West	90.5	0.68
East Midlands	103.2	0.81
West Midlands	106.3	0.80
East Anglia	116.8	0.87
Greater London	88.4	0.57
South East (exc London)	126.3	0.84
South West	112.6	0.84
Wales	88.0	0.67
Scotland	88.0	0.67
Northern Ireland	48.0	0.40
UK Total		0.73

Source: Euromonitor from the Family Expenditure Survey *excluding income tax, insurance, housing costs and savings

EXPENDITURE ON PETS BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 1982

Gross normal weekly income	UK average =100	percentage of all spending
Under £40	27.7	0.61
£40-£50	33.0	0.62
£50-£60	34.0	0.57
£60-£70	81.7	0.84
£70-£80	68.1	0.81
£80-£100	76.6	0.83
£100-£125	76.6	0.71
£125-£150	103.2	0.84
£150-£175	117.0	0.85
£175-£200	110.6	0.73
£200-£225	131.9	0.78
£225-£250	109.6	0.59
£250-£275	136.2	0.69
Total UK average		0.70

Source: Euromonitor 1983

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ELECTION OF ONE SPECIAL AND FOUR REGIONAL MEMBERS TO THE MILK MARKETING BOARD – 1985

The Milk Marketing Board hereby announce as follows:

1. The Board have determined the retirement date for 1985 as midnight on Wednesday, 31 July 1985.

2. One Special Member of the Board and one Regional Member for each of the North-Western, Eastern, East-Midland and South-Eastern Regions have to be elected.

3. The Board are prepared to receive nominations of candidates for these elections. Such nominations must be received by the Board at the Board's offices at Thames Ditton, Surrey, not later than 4 p.m. on Monday, 18 March 1985.

4. Every person so nominated as a candidate for election as a Special or Regional Member of the Board must deposit with the Secretary of the Board not later than 4 p.m. on Monday, 18 March 1985 the sum of £200 in legal tender.

5. No person shall be qualified to be elected as a Special Member of the Board unless he or she has been nominated as a candidate either by resolution of the Board or in writing by at least forty registered producers.

6. No person shall be qualified to be elected as a Regional Member of the Board unless he or she has been nominated in writing as a candidate by at least twenty registered producers entitled to vote in that election or by a County Branch of the National Farmers' Union in the Region.

7. A person may not be a candidate for election as a Special Member and as a Regional Member at the same time.

8. A candidate may withdraw from his or her candidature by a written notice to the effect provided it is delivered at the offices of the Board at Thames Ditton, Surrey, not later than 4 p.m. on Monday, 25 March 1985.

9. Any election literature issued by or on behalf of a candidate should bear the name and address of the person issuing it and the name of the candidate on whose behalf it is issued.

NOTE: Candidates in the Special Member election of which notice is given on this page may be interested to know that the Board have agreed to offer each properly nominated candidate (if more than one) the opportunity for a 1,000 word election address, prepared by the candidate and reproduced by the Board, to be distributed with the voting papers to all producers at a cost to each candidate of £500.

Candidates who wish to avail themselves of this service must submit copy to the Secretary of the Board at Thames Ditton, Surrey, so that it and the fee of £500 are received by her not later than Friday, 19 April 1985. If advance notice of an intention to make use of this service can be given it will be administratively most helpful.

moreover . . . Miles Kington

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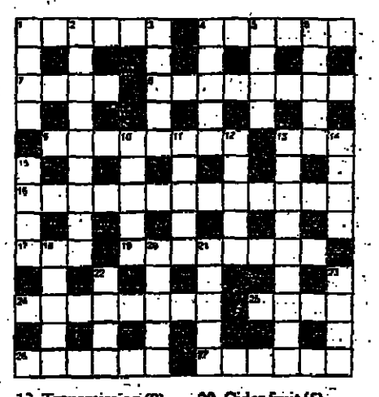
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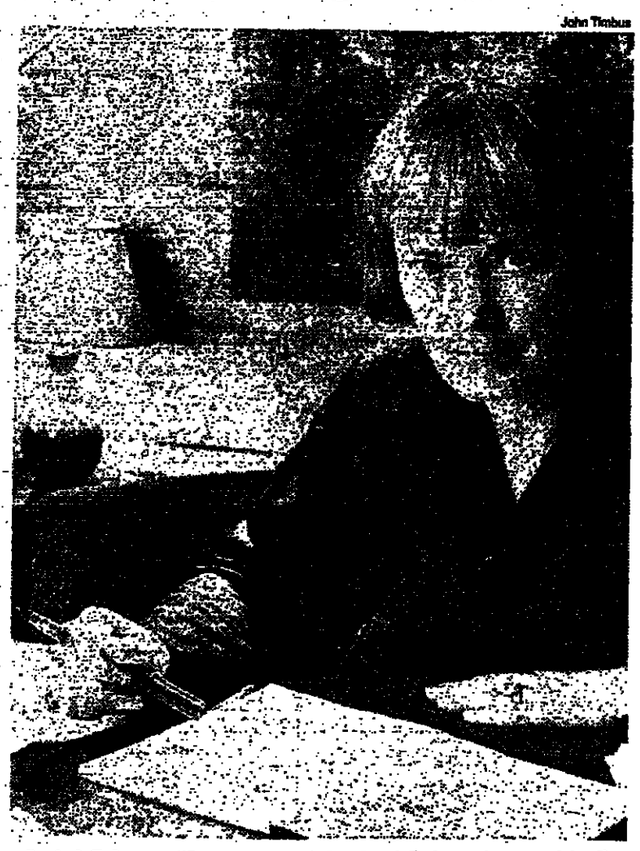


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How Isabel became the cinema's new shooting star

The Shooting Party, an elegant star-studded film of private and public life in the Edwardian era has shot Isabel Colegate, the author, into the limelight. Amanda Craig charts her rise to fame

John Timbus



Isabel Colegate: "I never expected to be rich through my writing".

"I never expected to be rich", said Isabel Colegate, "and certainly not through my writing. I never thought it was even possible to earn a living writing novels – at least, not the sort I write".

The author of *The Shooting Party* is, however, about to become very rich and famous indeed. The film of her novel is showing at the Curzon in Mayfair with a cast that the publicity blurb describes ecstatically as "the Who's Who of British acting": Sir John Gielgud, Dorothy Tutin, Judi Bowker, Cheryl Campbell, Gordon Jackson, Edward Fox . . . the names roll on and on.

As might be expected from such a coruscating constellation, *The Shooting Party* is played against an aristocratic Edwardian background of the kind beloved by our renascent national film industry.

A group of men and women meet for a shoot at the country estate of Sir Randolph Nettleby (played, in the performance of his career, by the late James Mason) just before the First World War. Opulent, elegant and obtuse, the guests engage in public rituals of eating and slaughter alongside private rivalries in love and adultery: which, fatally intertwining, cause a man's death.

> "Wives keep saying to me: at last a novel I can give my husband"

Beautifully acted and filmed though it is, what raises *The Shooting Party* far above the inanities of snobbery or nostalgia displayed in many recent British films is the intelligence and perception of the original novel, which won the 1981 W.H. Smith Award. For Isabel Colegate is that rare creature, a writer who can tell a story, at once gripping and exquisitely-written, in which, without pages of pretentious analysis, characters think, love, dress and worry about money with such life-like precision that they become part of a reader's mental baggage forever.

The creator of all this is a slim, slight, attractive woman of 53. "I have no idea why *The Shooting Party* should have been the most popular book I've written", she says diffidently. "I suppose you go through various little barriers simply getting your work known. I had not realised, too, how many people shoot; after it was published all sorts of wives kept saying to me, 'At last, a novel I can give my husband!'"

Isabel Colegate's voice is quiet and humorous, with a trace of asperity – she could easily be mistaken for a magistrate or don. In fact, she is what she calls "a historian manquée", which is partly why her last two novels have been set in the early part of this century. Added to this is a complete lack of interest in writing about herself.

"Of course, I can see where everything comes from, but I don't want to express myself" – her voice deepens disapprovingly – "If I did, I'd write my autobiography."

Isabel Colegate (she writes under her maiden name) was born in London and brought up in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire. Her father was an MP: a fact which later gave her insights into political ambition unmatched since Trollope.

"We hated my father's involvement as children. When you're young, you can't bear people quarrelling, and that's what politics seemed to us. We didn't understand it was all a game. It was the same with school – I could never work it out."

Boarding school, Runton Hill in Norfolk, was such an unhappy experience that she never, to her regret, went to university. (The one piece of autobiography she admits to is a scene in an early novel, *The Great Occasion*, in which a schoolgirl is subjected to bullying quite as vile as any described in boys' public schools.)

Instead, she became a deb "in a gloomy sort of way", with her three sisters and was launched into the world of wealthy, sophisticated people whose mixture of education and stupidity she describes so accurately. Subsequently she became an assistant to Anthony Blond, then a literary agent.

"Actually, I was his partner: I had a little money of my own with which I put up 50 per cent of the business. It was just Anthony and I, but whenever a grander client came along there would be a little charade in which he called for the secretary. I would look up from my typewriter and say she wasn't in today; at which point I would be introduced as his partner, and asked if I could kindly type something out in her absence.

"I never thought of writing as a career, but part of me was a writer already. I don't know what makes me write or what my influences are – if I did I probably couldn't do it. I wrote a sort of crib of *Swallows and Amazons* at 11, and a novel at 18, but I didn't try to publish anything until *The Blackmailer*. It was accepted by Jonathan Cape, who was tremendously kind and full of advice; but then he retired, and a very fierce editor went back on his decision."

> "The film and the book are so different, but it's all wonderful"

In the end, Isabel Colegate's first published novel was brought out in 1958 by Anthony Blond. Like all her work, it received enthusiastic reviews, but it was not until she won the W.H. Smith Award that she arrived in the front rank of current novelists. Her output is slow – she has produced nine books in 23 years – partly because she married and had three children in the meantime, partly because she suffered "a crisis in confidence" when writing the Orlando Trilogy (which describes the rise and fall of a politician in the 1930s and 1940s).

"I have to be relaxed when I write. I get tremendously involved with all the characters, and this can't be done if I feel at all nervy, or if I'm somehow being pushed towards pretention."

Seeing her creations fleshed out in the film of *The Shooting Party* has been an odd experience.

"The film and the book are so different, even though the director (Alan Bridges) and the scriptwriter (Julian Bond) stuck very closely to what I had written. Some of the irony is lost – inevitably – and the pre-shadowing of the First World War is made much more of. But it looks good, and the acting is wonderful – wonderful!"

> "She does not shoot and one suspects she rather dislikes it"

The idea of setting the novel in a shooting-party came to her because it was such a typically Edwardian idea, and because having set *Statues in a Garden* in the same period she was already saturated with background detail from the mass of books and letters used for her research. She does not shoot, and one suspects that, although she lives mostly in the country (she and her husband, a businessman, have a Gothic castle near Bath and a house in Tuscany), she dislikes it, even if the early version of a hunt saboteur, Cornelius Cardew – played by Gielgud – is a laughable figure, and his interference in the shoot is responsible for someone's death.

The recurring theme throughout her work, including the book of stories (*A Glimpse of Sion's Glory*) to be published in June, is that of perfection taking the wrong direction, and Edenic idylls destroyed by the greed and ambition of those who over-reach themselves morally and socially. As such, this is an old, old story; but, given the artistry with which it is told, no less worth taking to heart in England now.



Soft touch: Cheryl Campbell (left) seeks a loan from her hostess, Dorothy Tutin



All star hunt: Host James Mason (left), in his last screen role, with Sir John Gielgud

A tidy end for Rhett and Scarlett

FIRST PERSON

We didn't stand a chance of staying stylishly single. The combined assault of my Welsh Baptist childhood and his Scottish Calvinist upbringing meant that, far from wallowing in the illicit, we felt a tiresome urge for respectability.

I do envy those who can co-habit with confidence, claiming they have never discussed marriage, deeming it cumbersome and unnecessary.

We shared a previous marriage each, two teenagers, a dog, three cats, a mortgage and three years of snapshot memories.

It had become confusing in the dry cleaners. "I *think* I left the coat in the name of Etherington," I would say. ". . . . Or maybe not."

"What should I call him, to my friends?" my son asked in the beginning, keen on order and rightness. He grinned all the way through his maths homework when we told him we were getting married.

My daughter's initial twinge of disappointment that we were going all "normal" was swiftly replaced by elation when she realized that she could tell her friends that her mum was getting married on Friday and gain points for an exciting lifestyle.

"Just a quiet ceremony, a spot of troth-plighting and then we'll whiz off alone for a few days," declared my love.

"That would have been delightful," I said, gently. "But your parents are arriving on the three-fifty from Edinburgh."

I blame British Rail who were seducing pensioners at the time with a bargain travel offer. It proved irresistible to those who, in less tantalising circumstances, would have been perfectly happy to send us a couple of herb pillows and a card with bells on.

"And how many for lunch now?" said my love with a detectable edge in his voice. "You mean apart from my sisters?" I blustered. Of course, there are three of them and we've always been good eaters as a family.

Far from spending my wedding eve soaking in something fragrant, humming the Wedding March and having leisurely and fashionable doubts about my suitor, I made a beef casserole and did a week's ironing.

I was up early on the Big Day, whipping up bacon sandwiches in case we got peckish while exchanging vows. Feeling distinctly unmaidenly, I had a quick argument with the television repair man, who was a day late, before taking my son up the High Street to buy a new pair of shoes.

At the register office, things were fair to middling. My new mother-in-law denounced my husband's tie as "a bit sudden" and it turned out that I had been to school with the assistant registrar. By the time we had exchanged shrieks of "whatever happened to Squiffy Morris?", any hopes I had clung to of appearing as a stunning woman of mystery lay in shreds on the pile carpet.

On to the restaurant where, after a couple of gins, my mother admitted that she had "seen me in beige" and was "surprised at how strong the blue looked in the light."

"Thank goodness I won't have to put two surnames on the envelopes when I am writing to you," said Aunty Ethel by way of congratulations. "Things are much tidier now that you're married. Aren't they, dear?"

No matter that we consider ourselves the most romantic duo since Scarlett and Rhett. Tidy it is.

Jan Etherington

A recipe for romance

St Valentine's Day, just a week away, is the best excuse for frivolity we have in the still-dark days of February. Everyone whose ideal dinner for two is a quiet table at the best restaurant in town may leave the page now, while the rest of us consider the possibility of supping romantically at home.

If ever there was an occasion for not being seen to sweat over a hot stove it is when dishing up a special meal for two. The big idea is romance remember. Pink is a pretty colour for flowers, perhaps even a pudding, but preferably not for the cook.

Twiddly bits are fine as long as they are strictly in the category of advanced preparation. The menus here – the first very easy and the second not at all difficult – include no aphrodisiac oysters or heart-shaped tarts decorated with rose petals, although they might have done. The obvious concession to the occasion is a passion-fruit scented sorbet.

St Valentine's Supper (1)
Quails' eggs in the shell
Cold roast duck with new potatoes and a salad of winter leaves
Cheeses
Passion-fruit sorbet

St Valentine's Supper (2)
Individual leek soufflés
Boned and stuffed quail with new potatoes and a warm salad of winter leaves
Cheese
Passion-fruit sorbet

The two menus are completely interchangeable, unless you think it is poor planning to follow quails' eggs with the birds themselves. (Not many people would think it odd to follow, say, *oeufs en cocottes* with chicken.) Farmed quail, and I believe all the quail sold in this country are farmed, have a definite enough taste of their own to survive freezing quite well. Boned birds, costing only five pence more apiece, are usually sold frozen and are widely available.

Put a dozen quails' eggs in a small pan and cover them with cold water. Bring them to the boil and cook for half a minute only. Immediately transfer them to cold water – they can be left in cold for 24 hours or served immediately.

Drain the eggs and serve in their beautifully mottled shells so that each diner can enjoy the colour of the pale blue shells' lining, then the taste of the tiny, creamy hard-boiled eggs.

Celery salt and brown bread and butter are traditional accompaniments. Most brands of celery salt are a bit harsh unless diluted with ordinary salt.

The Times Cook

Shona Crawford Poole

Leek soufflés
Serves two

Fine dry breadcrumbs
45g (1½ oz) butter
1 large leek, white part only, finely sliced
1½ tablespoons flour
6 tablespoons milk
2 large eggs, separated
½ clove garlic, crushed
Salt and cayenne pepper
1 tablespoon finely grated Parmesan cheese

Butter two individual soufflé dishes of 300ml (½ pint) capacity, or one larger dish and coat the insides with breadcrumbs. Heat two thirds of the remaining butter in a pan and add the leeks. Cover and cook them slowly in their own liquid until they are tender, then purée. The purée should be thick.

Melt the remaining butter in a small pan and stir in the flour. Cook the roux for a minute or two then add the milk to make a thick, smooth sauce. Allow it to cool to warm before stirring in the egg yolks, leek purée, garlic and plenty of salt and pepper.

Whisk the egg whites until they hold stiff peaks and fold the meringue into the leek mixture. Fill the soufflé dishes no more than two thirds full, sprinkle the tops with Parmesan, and bake them in a pre-heated hot oven (220°C/425°F, gas mark 7) for 10 to 12 minutes. The soufflés should be well risen but still moist in the centre.

I now do absolutely nothing to plain roast ducks except to roast them. I don't prick them or pat them or mark them with T; I do not even salt them.

The duck, to be at its very best, should be roasted in the morning or afternoon of the day it is to be eaten, but it may be much more convenient to cook it the day before. The loss is not great.

Stuffed, boned quail
Serves two

4 boned quail
1 tablespoon oil
1 tablespoon finely chopped shallot or onion
4 tablespoons fresh breadcrumbs
1 10g (4oz) raw chicken breast, very finely chopped
1 tablespoon finely chopped Parma ham, or bacon
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
A pinch of thyme
600ml (1 pint) or more chicken or game stock to poach
½ sachet aspic powder
1-2 tablespoons Madeira or sherry
1 tablespoon Marc (optional)

Heat the oil in a pan and sauté the chopped shallot or onion until it is soft but not browned. Stir in the breadcrumbs, chicken and ham or bacon and cook the mixture for about three minutes, stirring constantly. Add the breadcrumbs, seasoning, and a hint of thyme. Mix well.

Use this mixture to stuff the four boned quail, closing them with wooden cocktail sticks which are quickly removed when the birds are cooked.

Heat the stock to boiling point and add the quail. Bring the liquid back to simmering and cook the quail for 15 minutes. Take them out and let them cool.

Make up the aspic according to the directions on the packet, but substituting the Madeira or sherry, and Marc, if you are using it, for part of the liquid. When the aspic is nearing setting point use it to coat the birds. Give them several thin coats for a good finish. Pour the remaining aspic into a dish and leave it to set. When it is cold, chop it into neat dice.

Passion-fruit sorbet
Serves two

4 passion fruit
Up to 150 ml (¼ pint) white wine or orange juice
Sugar to taste

Halve the fruit, take out the pulp and strain the juice. Make up the quantity to 250 ml (8 fl oz) with the wine or orange juice and sweeten it to taste. Make sure that the sugar has dissolved before freezing the mixture. When the ice has the texture of heavy slush, beat it well and return it to the freezer until firm. Serve the sorbet in tall, elegant glasses.

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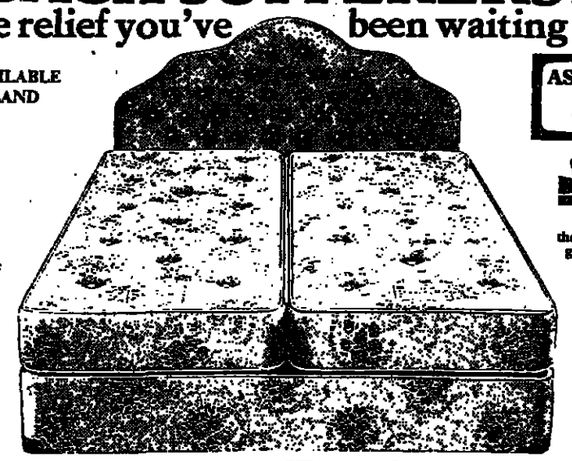
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Slices of the sultan's cake

The £130,000 given by the Sultan of Brunei to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge last summer is a mere trifle compared to his latest gift. In London last week to inspect his latest purchase, the £43 million Dorchester Hotel, the sultan dispatched plain brown envelopes to four unsuspecting British charities with a £250,000 cheque in each. Help the Hospices, a charity begun last May, told me yesterday that it was "absolutely staggered" by the gift, as was Riding for the Disabled whose total income last year was just £164,000. The NSPCC will put the money towards its centenary appeal, launched in desperation last year when it found it had the resources to run for just another seven weeks. The Leonard Cheshire Foundation, equally "overwhelmed", will use the sultan's windfall to help convert Park House at Sandringham – the Princess of Wales' birthplace which the Queen recently offered the charity – into a holiday home for the disabled. Not one of the charities knew why it had been chosen.

Liberal charge

Frensham Heights School in Surrey is out to attract a different sort of parent. A current advertisement in the *New Statesman* assures us: "It is not a typical public school: there is no underlying conservatism informing its liberal philosophy." In other, unmentioned ways, is seems very typical: boarding fees of £1,595 a term, for example.

Naval split

Speculation is growing in naval circles that HMS Arrow, a Royal Navy Type 21 frigate, suffered a serious split across its superstructure while crossing the Atlantic two weeks ago. The ship, currently anchored off Grand Cayman in the West Indies, was revealed to have serious design flaws when, along with the rest of the Type 21s, they developed cracks. To prevent a recurrence they were reinforced with 35-ton steel girders. One naval expert says that according to his informant, "Arrow's midshipmen linked hands over the split . . . but I think he has a sardonic sense of humour". Yesterday the Royal Navy denied reports of this latest split.

Tory precision

In the Register of MPs' Interests about to be published, five members have made an intriguing variety of declarations for gifts received from an Inter-Parliamentary Union visit to Switzerland last June: Gerry Bermingham (Lab), a watch: Jim Callaghan (Lab), a watch: William Powell (Tory), a watch: David Evennett (Tory), a Rolex Oyster: Sir John Osbourne (Tory), a Rolex Oyster Perpetual Airking Precision Watch.

Bell fares well

Commander Richard Steele, 92, of Brighton, is sadly unable to attend a ceremony at the Goldsmiths Hall today at which a solid silver bell destined for the new Ark Royal will be hallmarked. It was Steele who, when the third Ark Royal was torpedoed off Gibraltar in 1941, packed the ship's welfare fund into two suitcases and jumped overboard with them. The crew later voted to spend the cash on the bell for the fourth Ark Royal, which it adorned from 1955 to 1978, and only recently was it found never to have been hallmarked. Few welfare funds can have invested their money so prudently: the bell, which cost £598, in 1943, is now worth around £35,000.

Memo to DoE

Are there no holds barred in the GLC's war of attrition with the Environment Department? A leaked memo from one member of Ken Livingstone's campaign team, Gerry Tanfield, alerts another. Margaret Palmer, to a paragraph in the DoE booklet *After the GLC* inviting the public to send inquiries to the DoE's Local Government Reorganisation Division. "I would like to think this handsome offer will be taken up in good measure", says Tanfield. "Discreet advice" to "areas of mobilised support" could lead to "considerable pressure on the DoE unit concerned, which would have value in itself", and "possibly a tardiness in responding . . . from which mileage could be derived". "An excellent idea", Ms Palmer has scribbled below.

● **Norman Tebbit, presenting the prizes at the *What The Papers Say* awards yesterday, cut short his praise of columnist-of-the-year Joe Ashton, Labour MP for Bassetlaw. "I don't want to do anything to damage his reselection chances," quipped Tebbit.**

Clean, but dear

As Leon Brittan studies an independent accountants' report on BBC efficiency, commissioned at the Home Secretary's own suggestion, perhaps it is time he ordered a value-for-money study on value-for-money studies. A BBC informant reveals that the latest report by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell cost the corporation £250,000. The figure is sure to increase the clamour for a full disclosure of its findings, despite the corporation's assurances that they give it a "clean bill of health". After all, as Tory media group chairman Tim Brinton said yesterday: "The wretched licence payer is now paying another quarter of a million on top of everything else."

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As Trident moves to the centre of the arms policy debate, Lord Lewin gives an insider's view of the decision made to buy the missile system

Why we need Trident

CND has chosen the cancellation of Trident as its target for 1985. The Liberals have launched a crusade with the same objective. Others, while supporting the maintenance of a British strategic nuclear deterrent, believe that Trident is more than we need and more than we can afford. But on one point all can agree: our aim should be to prevent war.

Not even a madman starts a war expecting to lose. To prevent war it is necessary to convince a potential aggressor that he cannot win, and this requires a combination of political will and military capability.

With war limited to conventional weapons, it is tragically easy for an aggressor to miscalculate one or both of these elements. But nuclear weapons have made it possible to ensure that an aggressor cannot win.

To deter, Britain must possess a demonstrable capability to inflict a level of damage which would be unacceptable to the Soviet leadership.

No nuclear power has ever promulgated its targeting policy; it would be foolish to do so because uncertainty contributes to deterrence. But clearly Britain needs less capability than the United States.

There has been some talk of a "Moscow Criterion" and indeed the destruction of Moscow with its centres of political, administrative and military control might well be more than the Soviet leadership could contemplate. But Moscow is defended by an increasingly sophisticated anti-ballistic missile (ABM) system: command and control centres can be dispersed or buried deep underground in heavily protected bunkers. Are there other options which would need a lesser capability, but would still be credible in deterrent terms?

Superficially it is possible to put forward a wide range of suitable target groups. About one-fourth of the Soviet population and one-half of its industry are concentrated in its 100 largest cities. It would be possible to list cities in order of population size or of industrial importance and decide on a cut-off point. Destruction of a high proportion of military industrial centres, covering tank and vehicle plants, aircraft factories, warship building yards, munition and missile production, would leave the Soviets at an enormous disadvantage relative to the United States. Widespread disruption of electric power generation and distribution could bring industry to a standstill. It might be enough to destroy elements of basic industrial production – for example, copper, aluminium or oil.

Informed analysis shows that a whole range of target groups requires broadly the same capability. When ministers, after studying all the relevant information, have taken a view on the level of damage that they believe would be necessary to deter Soviet aggression, it is possible to deduce the approximate number of warheads to achieve the desired effect.

The chosen system will be in service broadly between 1990 and 2020, and the best assessment of the likely advances in Soviet anti-ballistic missile, anti-submarine and air defences in that time scale must be taken into account.

It is easy to decide that for a small island nation, submarine basing is the least vulnerable. The question to be addressed is the choice of missile.



Anti-Trident demonstrators (left) and a Trident test

Cruise is cheap, but has major drawbacks

Cruise missiles, based on the concept of the wartime V1, are relatively cheap, small, and easy to store but there are major drawbacks. They are vulnerable to even present-day Soviet air defence systems which, unlike anti-ballistic missiles, are not limited by treaty. It is impossible to put precise figures on what proportion of cruise missiles future Soviet air defence might be capable of shooting down in the two decades from the mid-1990s, but it could become very substantial.

It is important for submarines to fire their missiles quickly to avoid the risk of counter-attack. Polaris boats can fire their outfit in minutes. This is more difficult with cruise. Through torpedo tubes, the only submarine launch mode currently available, repeated reload would be necessary to match the equivalent striking power of ballistic missiles; this process would take hours, during which the submarine would be increasingly at risk, and might not survive to complete its task.

There is a further important operational point. Current cruise missiles have less range than ballistic missiles, and for technical reasons a dramatic increase is not in prospect. The sea room available to the submarines, which must remain within range of their targets, is restricted accordingly, thus reducing their scope for evading Soviet anti-submarine forces.

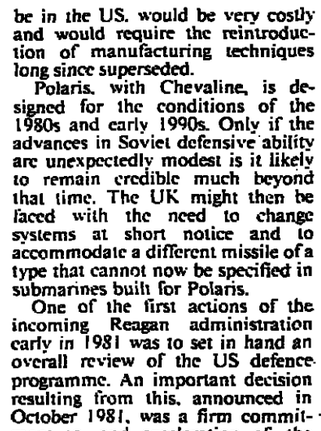
All this means that for a given weight of striking power cruise is in fact much more expensive than a ballistic equivalent. For example, a force of 11 boats each capable of carrying 80 cruise missiles would have much less assured deterrent capability than four boats each equipped with 16 Trident missiles; such a force would cost at least twice as much to acquire and, more important, about twice as much to run.

The Polaris system is based on 1950s technology: it has withdrawn from US service and is long out of production. To prolong the life of the missile beyond the mid-1990s it would be necessary to restart manufacture, which would have to be in the US, would be very costly and would require the reintroduction of manufacturing techniques long since superseded.

Polaris, with Chevaline, is designed for the conditions of the 1980s and early 1990s. Only if the advances in Soviet defensive ability are unexpectedly modest is it likely to remain credible much beyond that time. The UK might then be faced with the need to change systems at short notice and to accommodate a different missile of a type that cannot now be specified in submarines built for Polaris.

One of the first actions of the incoming Reagan administration early in 1981 was to set in hand an overall review of the US defence programme. An important decision resulting from this, announced in October 1981, was a firm commitment to, and acceleration of, the Trident II project. Deployment of these missiles with the US Navy will begin in 1989, replacing Trident I the British government's original choice.

Trident II is both more expensive and more effective than Trident I. The increased capital costs would add about 7 per cent to the overall programme, but the prospect of much reduced running costs compared with Trident I give it a long-term advantage. It was solely this judgment of cost-effectiveness based on commonality that swayed the Government to change its choice from Trident I to Trident II.



Lewin: which missile?

Trident II can offer either a greater range for the same payload than Trident I or it can theoretically carry an increased payload of up to 14 warheads to about the same range. It is also more accurate.

Because of its great accuracy Trident II has been characterized as a "first strike" weapon. But simple arithmetic demonstrates that the fire power of a British force even with maximum payload would be sufficient to target only a tiny fraction of Soviet nuclear forces capable of striking Britain. The principal objectives of future negotiations must be to establish a stable equilibrium between the two superpowers at lower levels of force and risk. Even with the introduction of Trident II, the maximum number of warheads that could be deployed on the British strategic force would account for no more than a very small fraction of the total size of the strategic forces mantained by the United States and the Soviet Union.

The most demanding role of the British force is that of an ultimate national strategic deterrent; since the Government is aiming to provide a *minimum* credible force it cannot be reduced in present circumstances. But if the Soviet arsenal were very substantially reduced and *if* Soviet defensive capabilities, particularly anti-ballistic missile systems, were not significantly changed, then the Government would be able to review its position.

The United States Strategic Defense Initiative, aimed at testing such an ABM system, is irrelevant to Trident. If the Soviet Union developed one, it could not be deployed until long after Trident was operational.

It can convince them a war isn't worth starting

The latest published official estimate of the whole programme cost of Trident II is £9.285bn. Because of a decision to share missile support facilities with the US rather than duplicate them in the UK, this shows a reduction in real terms on the original estimate. The cost fluctuates, of course, with the exchange rate, but since the peak of dollar expenditure is some five years ahead, it is impossible to forecast what impact this may have.

Some suggest that the Trident money would be better spent on adding to Britain's, and Nato's, conventional strength. But even if it was, because of the low running costs to the Trident force well under 2 per cent of the defence budget the conventional equivalent would be only a modest increment to Nato's strength.

Spreading Trident's running costs across the three services might allow the Navy to run 12 extra frigates, the Army four more armoured regiments (55 tanks per regiment) and the RAF perhaps one more base of 50 Tornados. Adding 220 tanks to Nato's 13,500 when the Warsaw Pact order of battle is 42,600 is not a dramatic swing in the military balance. These marginal increases in Nato's conventional capability might cause the Soviet planners to recalculate how many days a conventional war might last. For the same cost Trident can convince them that war is not worth starting.

Lord Lewin is a former Chief of Defence Staff

Bernard Levin: the way we live now

How a hospital added insult to union injury

I wrote here not long ago about a case of union victimization: the union was Nupe and its victim Mrs Lucy Adams. I have since learned a good deal more about the case, and in doing so have realized that in certain respects it was much worse than I had supposed. Before taking the story further, I must recapitulate the essentials.

Mrs Adams, for many years and to her employers' entire satisfaction, worked in Southampton General Hospital; she was a supervisor in the obviously very important department that provided sterile supplies for the operating theatres. She had been a member of Nupe, but when called out on strike (for the second time) went on working, because, in the words of her daughter-in-law, "she couldn't believe strike action would change anything and because she didn't want to cause any suffering to the patients, or doctors".

She subsequently left the union, in revulsion at its action, and was thereupon "sent to Coventry" and subjected to horrible treatment; she and her husband stuck it out for nearly two years, until they could take no more, whereupon she resigned from her job. She was 57, and three years from retiring age. She went to an industrial tribunal, pleading "constructive dismissal"; she was awarded £8,000 (against the hospital). Now read on.

First, the viciousness of the treatment she suffered was considerably greater than I knew. While she was still at her job after the strike, excrement was put in her locker and urine-soaked swabs by her lunch, lights were switched off while she was at work, she was warned by a friend that she and her husband were to be attacked when he came to collect her after work (she left early and by a side door), "scab" was daubed on her belongings, the plugs were cut off electrical equipment needed in her work, and – this sounds incredible, but it comes from someone certainly in a position to know – material contaminated with hepatitis was left on her work-table.

But even this vile persecution is not the most serious aspect of this matter. Nor is the worst of it contained in the fact that when Mrs Adams took her case to the tribunal, two of the surgeons who might have given evidence for her were afraid to do so: one had been told that, if he did, he would be found in an alley with his hands broken, and the other feared that he would not receive the operating equipment he needed.

The worst is the complicity in this abominable business by the Southampton hospital administration. By complicity, I obviously do not mean that they joined in, or approved of, what was done to Mrs Adams. Their complicity lay in something all too familiar today; in the failure or refusal of authorities, intent on having a quiet life at all costs, to resist such tyranny, succour its victims, and ensure that it does not occur again.

The experience of a reporter for the respected magazine *World Medicine* is instructive. Bronwen Murison, in the course of a balanced, cautious, obviously fair investigation into the affair of Mrs Adams, spoke to some of the administrative staff. The senior hospital administrator at the time of Mrs Adams's victimization told her, "You're wasting my time, as well as your own, because I'm not prepared to say anything." But he did refer her to the manager of the department in which Mrs Adams worked, Mr Alan McLean.

> He denied that there was truth in anything Mrs Adams was alleging. He told me to ask personnel any further questions. When I asked how such a campaign was possible over a year in a small unit, of which he was manager, he demanded that I leave the hospital. Strangely, by the time I reached the personnel department, the men who could have helped me were unavailable. The hapless girl who told me this also explained that she had no idea when they would be free to speak in the foreseeable future.

But it is the letter written to the chief administrator of the Southampton General Hospital by Mrs Adams's son, himself a doctor, that seems to me to sum up the real lesson of this story, and that makes it worth telling, indeed makes it essential for it to be told.

The hospital considered appealing against the tribunal's award to Mrs Adams, though it decided not to. The reason it backed away from an appeal (it would have been scandalous if it had not) may well be the letter Dr Adams wrote, and I propose (I have his permission) to quote it extensively. He begins vigorously:

> I understand that your management team and legal advisers are considering appealing [against] the tribunal judgement . . . I wonder why? Since the amount of compensation payable is trivial compared to the annual hospital budget I do not believe money is the reason. If the intention is to exonerate management, then surely each member can already see that this is not possible. The public who know about the case . . . can imagine what the truth really is by their own work experience and that of many others . . . I urge you to face the truth staring in your faces which can be learned from this case.

Dr Adams then goes on to quote Nupe officials, including the one who said that sending Mrs Adams to Coventry was "a perfectly acceptable tactic" and who claimed that none of the union's members was responsible for the persecution of Mrs Adams. Then he goes on:

> Furthermore, the tribunal decision is directed against yourselves and not against Nupe . . . They know the allegations of my mother are true, and, whilst it is not official union policy, they privately approve the criminal and cruel actions of their members . . . I urge you and your colleagues to avoid playing further into the hands of Nupe activists, as I am sure you recognize them to be . . .

Then Dr Adams challenges the management to do its plain duty:

> Now is an opportunity . . . to take my mother's courage as an example: find some courage in yourselves to resist those few Nupe activists, who, for their own purposes, and without regard for the actual outcome, have encouraged a flock of ignorant hospital workers into all kinds of irresponsible and cruel actions . . . The perpetrators of such actions are . . . too ignorant to know the potential consequences, bu The real fault lies with those who give tacit permission and encouragement for such activities . . . These irresponsible people should be fought by management and medical staff alike.

To this letter, Dr Adams received a reply which carefully ignored all the points he made, told him that the matter of an appeal was in the hands of the management's legal advisers, and left it there. Dr Adams, however, did not. He points out that all the complaints made by Mrs Adams and her husband were referred to Mr Alan McLean (see above), who "seems to have been unable to protect Mrs Adams". And his last word on the subject, at any rate for the moment, should be pondered not only by the management of Southampton General Hospital (who have in fact ignored it), but by all of us.

> I have good reason to believe that at least two of the senior medical staff at Southampton General Hospital have – at least in small ways – supported the very people who last year took action which inconvenienced themselves, as well as their patients, in this despicable fight against my mother, whereas she supported the doctors and patients in the dispute. It is a sad reflection on the capacity and willingness of those concerned for independent thought, fair-mindedness and humanity.

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Digby Anderson

It's the dons who need scrutiny

Last week's refusal by Oxford dons to award an honorary doctorate to the Prime Minister has been justified as an attempt to bring to government attention the sad condition of the universities. The picture painted is of scholars dedicated to the pursuit of truth and the good of the nation savaged by persistent government "cuts". However, the action may backfire. If the Government is persuaded to look closely at the universities it will discover a sad condition, but not in the sense the dons intend. Five items should be on the agenda of any such inquiry.

First, the degree to which dependence on state handouts is consonant with the purpose of a university. Traditionally, British universities have been financed by student fees and endowments. Some measure of government funding was introduced by the Lloyd George government after the First World War, the Chancellor of the Exchequer commenting: "It will be an evil day if universities look only to the Government."

After the Second World War and again in the 1960s the state funding trend accelerated. Now most universities have permitted themselves, despite noisily proclaiming their "independence", to become almost wholly dependent on one source of funds.

If that is not dangerous and irresponsible enough, the source to which they are so pathetically addicted is controlled by politicians, creatures with entirely different ends from academics. They are now paying the price. Each year the universities must join the long welfare handout queue along with all the other lobbies and plead their case. They are unlikely to do well, competing as they are with the sick, the poor and others whose needs are more dramatically and immediately appealing.

Second, their claim to have been cruelly cut is unsubstantiated. Expenditure in real terms has risen in the last five years. In the same period private companies have cut manning levels by up to 30 per cent and increased productivity. It is odd for universities to talk of being *savagely* cut when few have shed anything like this percentage of staff and many have reduced their productivity in terms of student numbers.

There is still considerable slack, but the tenure system and other rigidities ensure that savings are not made where they should be. In how many departments has voluntary redundancy led to the loss of able staff who have good earning prospects "outside", and the retention of dead wood? How can vice-chancellors justify a "frozen" recruitment policy which refuses entrance to new lecturers, however able, while giving a job for life to existing staff, however *comparatively* incompetent, especially when those refused are of the age known to be most productive of research?

Third, the Government should be sceptical of the universities' self-congratulatory assumption that they are forces for unmitigated good. A more persuasive thesis is that they have crippled Britain's economic performance by encouraging a cultural bias against business, industry and enterprise. A recent survey of social science departments' attitudes to industry, especially advertising, reveals deep-seated indifference or hostility.

Nor should it be accepted that universities are packed with disinterested scholars seeking truth. Alongside needed and respectable researchers are ideologues. Last week a brave Yugoslav lecturer, Neven Sesardic, of Zagreb University, published what amounts to an indictment of Marxism as an intellectual fraud (*Marxian Utopia*, Centre for Research into Communist Economies). He is not the first. But his is, perhaps, the clearest exposure that Marxism is not only theoretically incoherent and at odds with the facts but intellectually *disreputable*. Yet this intellectual fraud finds sustained shelter in many social science faculties and is maintained by "cutting" genuine and useful research.

Fifth, the universities do not have a case. Some universities, some lecturers, some research projects, have a better case than others. The Open University has recently argued that it produces graduates most efficiently. If true, that means other universities produce them less efficiently. Everyone in higher education admits *privately* that the degrees of different universities are not worth the same, that tuition standards vary, that some researchers research and publish far more than others. Yet the anti-cuts campaigners persist in presenting a disingenuously united front.

The truth is unsurprising: the universities and their staff, like coal mines, vary in quality and productivity. Most have been sheltered, not savaged. Universities urgently need stimulation to reduce rigidities, shake out the less able and productive and diversify their funding. They *can* help themselves – Salford, the Open University, the London School of Economics and, above all, Buckingham, are starting to show that. If the Government is encouraged to look closely at universities, it may conclude that their independence and efficiency require a systematic reduction of state funding (including student grants) to 49 per cent; a little less for Oxford.

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Robin Cook

Against Dallas, all MPs lose ratings

Given the far more blunt terms which some Members of Parliament apply to their constituents in the privacy of the tearoom or the sanctuary of the smokeroom, it is perhaps as well that Jonathan Aitken should escape liability for a backhanded compliment to one of his electors. If the jury had instead resolved to hang him for such an offence, which of his colleagues could hope to escape whipping?

Few of those who boldly lampoon their electors in the safety of Parliament's precincts would dare to emulate Mr Aitken in committing these whimsies to print in the local paper. It will be recollected that he compared a constituent to Sue Ellen, the anti-heroine of *Dallas*, the TV soap opera. Mr Aitken apparently had in mind the external attractions of Sue Ellen, but the constituent persisted in interpreting the comparison by reference to her moral character.

Lobby talk on the subject has thrown up differing theories to explain why any MP should have rashly stumbled into such a dangerous simile. Some say that any member could be just as bold if he shared Mr Aitken's majority of 32 per cent. Others ascribe it to his incapacity to curb his way with words. It is, after all, Jonathan Aitken (a noted Arabist) who is credited with the *bon mot* that Mrs Thatcher thinks Sinai is a medical condition, a remark which some commentators believe has put paid to his prospects of office to the end of the century.

I suspect, however, that Mr Aitken stumbled innocently into all his trouble for the simple reason that he had never seen the soap opera from which he drew the fateful comparison. In this he would only be on a par with the great bulk of his colleagues.

The busy MP unconsciously clings to Noël Coward's dictum that one does not watch television, one appears on it. The hours we keep make it impossible to do otherwise. At the very time when the rest of the nation is tuning into *News at Ten*, MPs are normally trooping through the lobbies in the main division of the evening.

Admittedly television rooms are provided on the premises but these are forbidding affairs – windowless compartments created by partitioning an attic corridor. The apologetic nature of this accommodation merely serves to emphasize how little time Members spend there.

We do understand that in this regard we are hopelessly out of touch with our constituents. We can be in little doubt on this point when we are obliged to canvass their support. We are made painfully aware that every minute we detain them on the doorstep has to be won in competition with the box beckoning them back to the living-room. After the last general election a number of members complained feelingly that they were turned away from the doorstep by constituents who were too busy watching a political debate to talk to a canvasser. For those constituents, by a process of inversion, the real election was what took place on television and the actual candidate for their constituency was an irrelevant inconvenience.

Such experiences leave Members in awe of the power of a medium about which they remain largely ignorant. Few would go quite as far as the Labour press officer who announced he would die happy if he could secure Neil Kinnock a cameo role in *Coronation Street*. Most, though, would go to great lengths to secure an opening to air their views to camera.

Here we come to the great paradox. Although MPs may themselves rarely see television, they are exceedingly keen to be seen on it. It is an eccentric Member who would turn down an invitation to the studio on the ground that he had nothing original to say on the topic.

In this my colleagues are probably wise, as it is the camera, not the microphone, which is the dominant partner in the television studio, and the visual image drowns the verbal message. I have been stopped in the street by constituents who had been outraged by my latest appearance because my tie did not match my shirt. But even those with total recall of how I looked have only the haziest memory of what I might have said.

Practitioners in the medium are fully aware that it is the picture that is the statement. On one occasion I emerged from an hour-long panel discussion smugly satisfied with my performance, only to be humbled by a politically sympathetic producer who berated me for accepting the seat furthest from the camera, which made me appear the smallest participant and thereby conveyed the message that my contributions were the least authoritative.

It is the significance of what is seen over what is heard on television that caused MPs to balk at following their lordships in throwing open their chamber doors to the cameras.

The most probable response to televising the proceedings would not be acclamation of the broadcast speeches but derision provoked by camera shots of a chamber sparsely inhabited by inattentive listeners.

It is a prospect that fills members with a haunting anxiety that setting up as a rival to the genuine soap operas could backfire as gloriously as attempting to jest about programmes of which you may have only dimly heard.

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TOP OF THE AGENDA

It would clearly be better for the coal industry and the country if the coal strike were now to end swiftly, cleanly and finally through a settlement negotiated between the National Coal Board and the National Union of Mineworkers. It is desirable that such a settlement should aid rather than worsen future industrial relations in the coalfield. That means the terms should allow the slim majority of miners still on strike to return to work with dignity rather than bitterness.

Precisely such a settlement was agreed with the pit deputies' union Nacods back in October and has been on offer to the NUM ever since. From the taxpayer's point of view, it was an unsatisfactory deal, introducing further long-winded procedures into both pit management and the closure of the 15 per cent of capacity long identified as hopelessly uneconomic. It did, however, answer, with other measures, the miners' fears and demands. Moreover it conceded the issues that had been the immediate cause of the strike. The March plan to reduce capacity was to be completely reconsidered and the five pits under immediate threat were to go back through the new extended review procedure, culminating, if necessary, in a final independent review.

That was the offer rejected by the miners' leaders, who resurrected their impossible demand, used previously when talks brought hope of agreement, that the NCB should not try to close pits on economic grounds.

It has been recognised ever since, by Acas among others, that this demand left no hope of successful negotiation. It was this impasse that converted the strike into a war of attrition. And attrition, however disagreeable, is plainly leading to a defeat for Mr Arthur Scargill, the NUM president, and his allies. Although such statistics are open to dispute, the drift back to work is testimony to that. When the autumn talks broke down, barely 6,000 strikers had returned. Since then a further 30,000 have been driven back by conviction or necessity. Almost 3,000 have returned already this week. In the absence of talks strikers might shortly be in a minority.

Against such a background, Mr Stanly Orme's contention in Monday's Commons debate, that talks without precondition would lead to a settlement, looks plainly misguided. Given the concessions already made by the board, any talks that do not have procedures for the closure of uneconomic pits at the top of their agenda are likely to prove no more than a fillibuster on peripheral issues, raising false hopes and delaying the return to work.

Agreeing that the closure of uneconomic pits should be top of the agenda does imply a prior recognition by the union that pits may in future, as in the past, be closed on economic grounds. That is why the miners' executive has refused it and why Mr Orme, however well intentioned, is wrong. But agreement to discuss such closures does not imply that the NUM should agree in advance to the closure of any individual pit. Nor does it imply, any more than the agreement with Nacods, that NUM members would give up their freedom to strike in the event that the procedures were exhausted and the coal board exercised its managerial prerogative to decide on closure. An agreement would merely commit the NUM to take part in mutually accepted procedures.

That is important to the board, having conceded such long-winded procedures. The Cortonwood strike started when the union abandoned consultation. An agreed settlement is also important in protecting miners who never struck, or have since returned to work, from intimidation and discrimination once the strike is over. And to that end, the board will need to be firm over the treatment of those among the 500 dismissed who have committed serious offences, particularly of intimidation or assault. Such protection, however, might well be served by ensuring that a majority of miners are back at work in most areas before the strike is called off. Mr Scargill, at this point, has a greater interest in immediate talks. His union (and his personal power base) will be left in disarray for years if a majority simply abandons the strike and the NUM is in imminent danger of breaking up in the absence of a settlement or continuing talks.

Given Mr Scargill's addiction to the socialism of conflict, such a break-up might aid the long-term restructuring of the industry and a welcome introduction of worker ownership, although that would not be favoured by the current membership of the Coal Board. But negotiations must give hope to both sides and at present there is little advantage to the NCB in talks that can only end, once again, in failure.

ANZUS

The Pacific Security Treaty, better known as the Anzus Pact, was signed by Australia, New Zealand and the United States in 1951 when the world was full of uncertainties generated by the Second World War. The pattern, for better or for worse, is clearer now and New Zealand's prime minister Mr David Lange has referred to a "pocket of tranquility" in his part of the Antipodes. Otherwise his government would presumably think twice or even three times, about upsetting the Americans, in whose protective embrace New Zealand has lain ever since.

His refusal to allow the United States destroyer Buchanan into a New Zealand port next month on the grounds that it might be carrying nuclear weapons, has provoked Washington into cancelling the Anzus Sea Eagle exercise and plunging the treaty organization into its most serious crisis to date. The consequences, though not the cause, have been regretted by Mr Lange as much as anyone. But he cannot have been surprised, and his policy is at least consistent.

Before it came to power last year his Labour party made plain its opposition to nuclear weapons. It has since further clarified its position by refusing access to ships which are nuclear-powered as well as those which might be nuclear-armed, and by forcing the Japanese to suspend plans for dumping nuclear waste in the South Pacific.

In achieving such consistency he has luck on his side. New Zealand has abundant hydroelectric resources, coal and natural gas and is unlikely as far ahead as one can see to need to fall back upon nuclear power. While conceding that there might be medical or scientific applications for this controversial product of human ingenuity, the government in Wellington can afford – more easily than most – to be nuclear-clean.

Nor is there anything in the Anzus pact which explicitly obliges the member states to open their harbours to allied warships however they are driven. Its ten articles oblige the signatories to "act to meet the common danger" without, in treaty form, laying down how.

Nor is Zealand the first

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American ally to become a refuse-nik. Norway and Denmark in Nato have steadfastly declined to house nuclear weapons on their territory in peacetime – while acknowledging the possible need to do so in war. Holland and Belgium have not yet accepted cruise missiles in practice, whatever they may say in principle, while most of the Western alliance have at one time or another appeared to Washington as ungrateful recipients of American friendship and largesse.

So why should the Americans take such umbrage now as to threaten the very alliance on which its South Pacific strategy is based? One reason might be that Anzus contains only three powers – so the signs of cussedness in any one of them is that much more significant. Conversely it could be that Washington regards Anzus as being less crucial to its security policies than is Nato – and therefore more dispensable. Or it might just be that Mr Lange's action represents as it were, the last straw.

Will it have any effect? Mr Lange is unrepentant, shrugging off responsibility for undermining the treaty, on to the USA. His policies he says, remain unchanged. On the other hand New Zealand would like to keep the pact and the Australian government sets even greater store by it. When tempers have cooled, the United States too might consider that the treaty is worth preserving and that some modus vivendi must be reached. Consultations will take place this week – while at the same time the Australian premier Mr Bob Hawke will confer with President Reagan. A compromise is likely to be found.

It probably can if both sides want one badly enough, and beneath all the bluster they probably do. It is hard not to feel some sympathy with the United States in dealing with the Lange government – which is carrying its principles to an over-logical conclusion. On the other hand ship visits can be by-passed in planning future exercises and, for the time being anyway, this is probably the best solution. It is after all Wellington not Washington which will be on the losing end.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Transporting 'real people' by bus

From Mrs Anne Angus

Sir, Does Mrs Thatcher have a clue about the effects of her radical revanchism on real people? Robin Cook's analysis of the consequences of the Government's proposal to throw bus transport to the free market wolves (January 30) does not go nearly far enough.

I live in a far from remote rural area where a totally uneconomic bus service keeps (1) people in work, (2) young people getting training, (3) rural housing used to best advantage, (4) couples with one car and small children able to survive, (5) the elderly out of special housing or homes, among other things.

The cost of *not* subsidising these uneconomic routes would unquestionably exceed the costs of the present subsidy. The efforts of the county council to plan a transport network in order to keep its semblance of industry and commerce now left to us ticking over would go to waste.

"Let them take taxis" is, indeed, the very kind of remark you would get from people whose eyes are so firmly rivcted to the bottom line that they cannot see the long-term result of their narrow-minded finance.

Yours sincerely,
ANNE ANGUS,
Oaklands,
Derwydd,
Llandybie,
Ammanford,
Dyfed.
January 31.

From Mrs Rita M. Swoboda

Sir, Until recently, I served on a parish council bus subcommittee (and still serve on a local transport committee). As yet our community has buses for work, school and shopping needs.

During 12 years I forwarded complaints and comments, attended meetings at district council level, attended county council conferences on rural services, and undertook a local transport survey for the county council, when we delivered to every household in the parish questionnaires asking for comments.

Our local bus company also carried out a market analysis project, which of course included seeking passengers' views. Minor service changes now usually arise as the result of direct passenger requests.

Do my neighbours in reality have a system of provision planned only "from above"?

Yours faithfully,
RITA M. SWOBODA,
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Round Street,
Cobham,
Kent.
February 2.

Market for coal

From the General Secretary of the Society of Chemical Industry

Sir, Messrs Eberle, Pinder and Belgrave referred today (January 29) to new plans for coal. After all the agony of the past eleven months and the great waste of public funds over the last eleven years, I do most certainly hope that we will not embark again upon the folly that the future can be foreseen and indeed set in concrete.

Let us have no more talk of the coal *industry*, rather the *market* for coal from any source. Let the NCB, if it must continue in existence, fight for market share like any other enterprise. Countries like Japan, with no indigenous fuel, do very well because there is plenty of cheap coal about.

If we are to turn our coalfields from a liability into an asset then rigid structures disguised as plans must be eschewed like the Devil.

Yours faithfully,
P. P. KING, General Secretary,
Society of the Chemical Industry,
14/15 Belgrave Square, SW1.
January 29.

Link with Captain Cook

From Mr David L. A. Barker

Sir, Your Australian supplement of January 25, and its focus on the forthcoming bicentenary celebrations in 1988, served to draw my attention to the importance of the little-known and neglected memorial to Captain Cook in the church of Great St Andrew, Cambridge, whose future is now in doubt.

This church closed for worship after its final service on January 6 this year and the fate of this unique tribute to Captain Cook must now give cause for concern. It was erected by his widow and is recognised as the one remaining family memorial linking him with his native country. It is also believed to be the only known place in the world where the arms of the Cook family are on display. This must surely be the time for all those who believe in and support the continuing friendship and co-operation between Great Britain and Australia to ensure the preservation of this memorial before the bicentenary in 1988.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BARKER,
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Cambridge.

Too old at 40?

From Mr J. W. Stanton Barber

Sir, Last year (January 2) you published a letter from Michael Bailey, of Dursley in Gloucestershire, chiding you for almost glossing over our unemployment problem in your leader article of December 29. He pointed out his particular plight of being unemployed in middle age.

You then published a letter from myself (January 13) inviting "your more mature unemployed readers to contact me with a view to offering ourselves as a united workforce of coordinated talents".

The publication of our letters has resulted in some significant progress, based on our determination to re-employ ourselves by increasing exports concentrated on Third World development and the Commonwealth advantages her Majesty reminded us of in her Christmas Day message, together with new businesses financed by the Government's imaginative business expansion scheme.

To fund and effect these ambitions, we have been approved in principle for registration with HM Charity Commissioners; Mr Edward Heath has secured an invitation for some of our members to take up work in India; Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister for Local Government, is introducing us to two major employer companies and we are applying for authorization to act as fund investment managers under the business expansion scheme.

So, because of your publication of our letters, we, the mature unemployed, have some reason to look forward to 1985 with a new hope and confidence previously denied to us. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
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Surrey.

Water authority resists change

From the Chairman of Thames Water

Sir, The main thrust of Ian Gow's letter (February 1) on the performance of water authorities was the reasonableness or unreasonableness of the required rate of return on assets. I have to say that my board takes a fundamentally different view from the minister's.

Mr Gow says that a rate of return of 1.19 per cent is low by any standards. It is indeed a low figure. What Mr Gow does not say is that this figure is produced by an arcane accountancy procedure not used in the world of business. In plain man's terms what Mr Gow demands of us is that in order to run a business which has operating expenses of less than £300 million, we must raise in charges from our customers more than £500 million. This cash surplus seems to my board to be unacceptable in a monopoly supply of a vital commodity.

It also makes no sense to the average customer. Our customers are represented by seven committees, set up by the Government to be consulted in various matters, but specifically on the level of charges. We have consulted them. They are unanimous in their opposition to an increase in charges more than three times what is necessary.

It will be interesting to see in next Thursday's debate how many MPs reflect this genuine grass-roots anger.

Yours faithfully,
R. WATTS, Chairman,
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34 Smith Square, SW1.
February 4.

From Sir Ian Morrow

Sir, The letter (February 1) from the Minister for Housing and Construction is further evidence of the Government's policy of using the current prices of assets for pricing purposes where the nationalised industry enjoys a monopoly.

If the Government is convinced that this is the correct policy, and not a form of taxation without legislation, then contractors who supply Government contracts should be allowed to price their products on the same basis.

Such a policy would substantially increase contractors' profits and might put back into the economy the money the Government has siphoned off by its unacceptable pricing practices.

Yours faithfully,
IAN MORROW,
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Nuclear deterrence

From Mr Eric J. Grove

Sir, Another major *Times* leader (January 21) supporting President Reagan's strategic defence intiative calls for comment.

You are correct to take a cautious line on the wider political implications of the Geneva talks. It would be building up the hopes of the public to a dangerous degree to imply that the discussions herald "peace in our time". It is exactly because the Soviet Union is *not* going to change that it must continue to face a strong Western deterrent.

This deterrent, however, ought to be maintained at a minimum cost and in ways that maintain the balance of power between East and West. The deployment of strategic defences on a massive scale might well do the opposite of limiting the production of nuclear arms, an aim you wisely support. It could force the production of many *more* weapons (a) to exhaust the defences and (b) to diversify the means of delivery into modes least vulnerable to the Star Wars technology.

This result would negate any conceivable military advantage gained. We should just have to spend a great deal more to be sure of maintaining deterrence. It is unlikely that morality would be served much either. To continue to threaten catastrophic damage on their opponents the superpowers would be forced to concentrate their efforts on attacking their enemies' population centres.

Proliferation of warheads has already gone a long way. As you say, the total explosive yield of the American stockpile is now only a quarter of its 1959 total. Then, however, it comprised 12,000 warheads; now there are more than *twice* that number. The total destructive potential of such a force is much greater.

Also, it seems a little unfair to the Russians to hold against them, as you seem to, all their increases in nuclear capability since 1959. Given their considerable weaknesses at that time that led to desperate expedients, such as the Cuban deployment in 1962, growth in Soviet nuclear forces has done much to *enhance* strategic stability, not undermine it.

Mutual assured destruction is not a "strategy" and never has been. It began as a bureaucratic device to restrain internal pressures for larger American strategic forces in the 1960s. It was maintained as a convenient shorthand to describe an objective situation that is likely to persist.

Nothing we can do is likely to stop the Soviets finding *some* means of threatening the destruction of our societies by nuclear attack. Nothing they can do can stop us threatening the same to them. All Star Wars can possibly do is to alter the emphasis in the ways the threat is made.

The above is not intended to be a denunciation of all forms of anti-ballistic missile defences. The ABM treaty recognized that limited deployment, around command centres or otherwise vulnerable weapons, might have a place in the enhancement of strategic stability.

Such ideas are worthy subjects for exploration in your columns. To imply, however, that SDI will provide *complete* defence from *all* forms of nuclear attack is to raise hopes of "safety" that are, perhaps, even more dangerous fallacies than the ones you so rightly question.

Yours faithfully,
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Morden, Surrey.

Funds for science

From Professor D. D. Burgess

Sir, What concerns me about Professor Colley's arguments (January 23) about the declining percentage of SERC (Science and Engineering Research Council) funding going to "big" science is that such arguments obscure what to many minds is the major problem in the funding of academic science and engineering in this country. This is that the "sophistication factor" in equipment needed for "small" physics, for chemistry, for biology and for engineering over the last decade has been enormous and far greater than any increase in financial provision via either SERC or the University Grants Committee.

Topics in my own field of "small" physics, such as solid-state physics, optics, laser physics and plasma physics, which once could be pursued very cheaply and with "small" apparatus, now require relatively large and expensive in-house equipment plus access to large centralized facilities such as synchrotrons, neutron sources and high-power lasers.

Exactly the same is true in many areas of chemistry and biology. "Small" science is simply not as small or as cheap as it used to be relative to the longer-established "big spenders" in particle physics and astronomy.

Since adequate financial provision has not occurred, it is inevitable that the "small" sciences must compete for a larger share of the over-small cake, whether within university departments or at SERC level.

Yours faithfully,
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Guidance on gulls

From Councillor P. R. Carter

Sir, In his letter, (January 24) Sir Barnett Cocks supported a clear lead from central government on wildlife conservation, illustrating his case by referring to the apparently differing attitudes to sea birds in two coastal towns, Folkestone and Torquay.

He suggested that Folkestone, which is within the area of Shepway District Council, "seeks to destroy wildlife" by proposing to carry out a cull on herring gulls next April.

This is simply not true: the council has made no decision of the sort.

As in a number of other seaside towns, Folkestone has experienced a dramatic growth in the urban population of these birds to the point that it is seriously affecting the quality of life of some local residents, in addition to deterring visitors. In considering ways of dealing with the problem, the possibility of a cull has been investigated but, as Torquay has found, this method of control was shown to be expensive and, indeed, there is no guarantee of success.

In the absence of central government guidance, which we would welcome, the district council has recently decided to fund research into the feeding and breeding habits of the birds and the ways in which buildings can be protected against the damage they cause. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds will be involved in this research.

Yours faithfully,
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Short shrift

From Professor Robin Orr

Sir, Some years ago a young man, driving in torrential rain late one evening through a deserted suburb of Edinburgh, became completely lost. He was thankful to see an elderly woman walking up the road under her umbrella; but his question, "Excuse me, could you . . .?", was immediately interrupted: "Don't you lower your window at me, young man."

Yours faithfully,
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Stemming tide in medical schools

From Professor T. W. Glenister and others

Sir, We are concerned that the Secretary of State for Health may be tempted to reduce the number of medical students in the UK in response to insecure forecasts of unemployed doctors. The latest British Medical Association survey identifies no more than about 3 per cent of doctors-in-training out of work at any one time, usually for only a short period between a succession of short-term training posts.

The first step, surely, if there is concern about future medical unemployment, is not to reduce the capacity of our own universities but to put a stop to the National Health Service acting as a sponge for overseas graduates, whose skills are needed at home.

It is no longer defensible (if it has ever been) to offer permanent employment to large numbers of doctors from developing countries (a limited period of post-graduate training is an entirely different matter) nor is substantial medical immigration compatible with the legitimate aspirations of home students, who are queuing up to train to serve as doctors in their own community.

Overseas graduates who obtain full registration with the General Medical Council have an automatic right to practise in Britain. In 1983 almost half as many graduates of overseas universities (1,654) as UK graduates (3,536) obtained full registration with the GMC.

Could the Department of Health and Social Security, which sets medical student targets for the Department of Education and Science, really consider taking steps to force our universities to reduce their capacity to train doctors, in preference to persuading the Home Office to limit permanent entry of overseas medical graduates?

We believe that it would be against the national interest to reduce home graduates before stemming net medical immigration. Further, we consider that it would also be irresponsible to consider reducing the number of home students before the two major issues have been settled. Firstly, the number of general practitioners the country needs or can afford (and the age to which the NHS will retain their services). Second, a satisfactory structure of career opportunity in a hospital service no longer propped up by a large number of "training" posts which lead nowhere.

British medical education is still highly prized worldwide, both for its technical excellence and for its humanity. To create this expertise has taken a long time; to destroy it would take no time at all. Our medical schools are a precious national resource which should be strengthened, not threatened.

Yours truly,
T. W. GLENISTER, Chairman,
P. RICHARDS, Secretary,
Conference of Metropolitan Deans,
G. S. KILPATRICK, Chairman,
D. R. WOOD, Secretary,
Conference of Provincial Deans,
c/o St Mary's Hospital Medical School,
Norfolk Place, W2.
January 30.

Bill of Rights

From Lord Gardiner, CH

Sir, In a letter published in your issue for January 19, Mr William Yonge says that "jurists of the stature of Lord Gardiner oppose a Bill of Rights".

I cannot speak for other jurists, but I personally favour the incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into the domestic law of the United Kingdom, preferably in a manner such as that proposed by the European Human Rights Convention Bill, which was presented to the House of Commons last year with wide all-party support.

Yours faithfully,
GARDINER,
House of Lords.
January 23.

Catholic directions

From Father P. J. Rochford, OSB

Sir, Pace Michael Murphy (January 19), the top priority for the Church today is still holiness. In fact the title for the first world-wide retreat for priests, in which 6,000 took part from 101 countries, in the Paul VI audience hall of the Vatican City, October 4-9, 1984, was "A call to holiness". It was not organised by Opus Dei or some other body which Clifford Longley (feature, January 7) might consider conservative but by The International Catholic Charismatic Renewal from its office in Rome.

The Charismatic Renewal has a much greater influence in the Church as a whole than Opus Dei though it does not have any precise membership. This does not prevent those who take part in prayer groups from having a strong sense of unity while at the same time being open to Christians of other Churches.

Pope John Paul II took a special interest in this retreat and in his address to the 6,000 priests in St Peter's at the concluding mass he said:

Your specific vocation to sanctity is translated into a programme of docility to the Spirit, who, if he is followed, brings about in you the progressive identification with Christ, with his example, with his teaching, with his person, and elevates you to be cooperators in the divine plan of salvation.

I suggest that that is not a bad starting point in any discussion of what direction the Church should take.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. ROCHFORD,
Ampleforth Abbey,
York.

Round pounds

From Mr J. J. Moorhouse

Sir, The inclusion of postage stamps with letters of congratulation rather than hard currency would solve grandparents' problems as regards the disappearance of the pound note (letter, February 4) and might result in a revival of the almost extinct "thank you letter".

Yours sincerely,
J. J. MOORHOUSE,
10 Snow Hill, EC1.
February 4.

From Mrs M. C. McMullan

Sir, And what will happen to charities, most of whom receive small cash donations by post?

Yours faithfully,
MONICA McMULLAN, Secretary,
Cassette Library for Blind and Handicapped,
Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 6 1852

On February 3 1852, the Press and in particular, The Times was attacked in Parliament by both the Government and Opposition. Lord Derby in a virulent speech stated that it was "incumbent on the Press to maintain that tone of moderation and respect even in expressing frankly their opinions on foreign affairs which would be required of every man who pretends to guide public opinion". The Times rose to the challenge; two of its writers – Robert Lowe and Henry Reeve – combined to declare the independence of the Press in argument and language as valid today as they were over 100 years ago.

"THE PRESS LIVES BY DISCLOSURES"

THE EARL OF DERBY remarked with considerable emphasis in his speech on the Address that as in these days the English press aspires to share the influence of statesmen, so also it must share in the responsibilities of statesmen. If the first of these propositions be established, the second follows as matter of course; and we, of all men, are the least disposed to lower the proper functions or to deny the responsibilities of the power we may derive from the confidence of the public. But, be that power more or less, we cannot admit that its main purpose is to share the labours of statesmanship, or that it is bound by the same limitations, the same duties, the same liabilities as that of the Ministers of the Crown. The purposes and the duties of the two powers are constantly separate, generally independent, sometimes diametrically opposite. The dignity and the freedom of the press are trammelled from the moment it accepts an ancillary position. To perform its duties with entire independence, and consequently with the utmost public advantage, the press can enter into no close or binding alliances with the statesmen of the day, nor can it surrender its permanent interests to the convenience of the ephemeral power of any Government.

The first duty of the press is to obtain the earliest and most correct intelligence of the events of the time, and instantly, by disclosing them, to make them the common property of the nation. The statesman collects his information secretly and by secret means; he keeps back even the current intelligence of the day with ludicrous precautions, until diplomacy is beaten in the race with publicity. The press lives by disclosures; whatever passes into its keeping becomes a part of the knowledge and the history of our times; it is daily and for ever appealing to the enlightened force of public opinion – anticipating, if possible, the march of events – standing upon the breach between the present and the future, and extending its survey to the horizon of the world. The statesman's duty is precisely the reverse. He cautiously guards from the public eye the information by which his actions and opinions are regulated: he reserves his judgment on passing events till the latest moment, and then he records it in obscure or conventional language: he strictly confines himself, if he be wise, to the practical interest of his own country, or to those bearing immediately upon it: he hazards no rash surmises as to the future; and he concentrates in his own transactions all that power which the press seeks to diffuse over the world. The duty of the one is to speak; of the other to be silent.

It follows, therefore, from this contrast, that the responsibilities of the two powers are as much at variance as their duties. For us, with whom publicity and truth are the air and light of existence, there can be no greater disgrace than to recoil from the frank and accurate disclosure of facts as they are. We are bound to tell the truth as we find it, without fear of consequences – to lend no convenient shelter to acts of injustice and oppression, but to consign them at once to the judgment of the world. Statesmen, it is said, have duties of a nicer order; they are bound to repress the throb of indignation which will rise at the sight of evils and oppressions they cannot avenge; they are prone to pursue particular objects rather than to pledge themselves to general principles; they are forbidden to risk for an instant the important interests confided to their care; and, though the support of public opinion is essential to their success, it is only by rare and occasional efforts that they can attempt to guide it.

If the public writer shares in any degree the influence of the statesman, he shares at least few of those personal objects which constitute so large a part of ordinary statesmanship. He is not toiling or sacrificing the best years of his life, and the best faculties of his nature in the pursuit of personal aggrandizement, for none can either reward or corrupt the obscure course of his labours. Even the triumph of his opinions is not accompanied by the applause of a party or the success of a struggle for patronage and power. Those opinions which he has defended, and, so to speak, created, slip from him in the moment of their triumph, and take their stand among established truths.

The responsibility we acknowledge has, therefore, little in common with that of statesmen, for it is estimated by a totally different standard of rectitude and duty. Of all professions, statesmanship is that in which the great laxity of practice is tolerated by the usages of society. Concealment, evasion, factious combinations, the surrender of convictions to party objects, and the systematic pursuit of expediency, are things of daily occurrence among men of the highest character once embarked in the contention of political life.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 5: Lady Elizabeth Basset has succeeded Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 5: The Prince of Wales this morning attended the *Norfolk* Country Landowners Association Conference at Barnham Broom Country Club, Barnham Broom, Norfolk.

His Royal Highness, attended by Mr John Higgs, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this evening gave a Reception at Kensington Palace for Members of the Board of Task Undertakings Ltd, *Birmingham*, and others concerned with the development of the project.

The Princess of Wales, President, Dr Barnardo's, this morning visited their Headquarters at Tanners Lane, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, *RN* and Mr Victor Chapman were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 5: The Duke of Kent, Patron of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, this evening attended a concert at the Royal Festival Hall.

Captain Charles Blount was in attendance.

Today is the thirty third anniversary of the accession of the Queen.

The President of the United States is 74 today.

A memorial service for Mr J. H. Scott will be held at noon held at St Clement Danes, Strand.

A memorial service for Dr R. M. B. MacKenna will be held at 2.30 today at St Bartholomew-the-Less, St Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield.

A memorial service for Professor O. W. Richards will be held today at noon at Holy Trinity, South Kensington.



Press award for MP: Mr Joe Ashton, Labour MP for Bassetlaw, being congratulated by Mr Norman Tebbit yesterday on his award as Columnist of the Year for his Voice of the People column in the *Daily Star*. The other awards given by the *What the Papers Say* television programme were: *Journalist of the year*: John Lloyd, Industrial Editor, *Financial Times*: Scoop of the year: Jon Swain, Insight, *The Sunday Times*, for his "Scargill-Libyan connection" report; and the Gerald Barry Award: Geoffrey Goodman, Industrial Editor, Mirror Group.

Luncheons

Inter-Parliamentary Union

Mr Peter Temple-Morris, MP, chairman of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, was host at a luncheon held at the *Goring Hotel* yesterday *in honour of* a parliamentary delegation from Yugoslavia led by Mrs Nusa Kersovan, vice-president of the assembly.

British-Egyptian Parliamentary Group

Mr David Crouch, MP, chairman of the British-Egyptian Parliamentary Group, was host at a luncheon at the House of Commons yesterday given in honour of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt, Mr Ahmed Esmat Abdel Meguid.

Lecture

Scientific Instrument Makers' Company

Prince Michael of Kent, an Assistant of the Court of the Scientific Instrument Makers' Company, introduced Sir Kenneth Corfield, who delivered the company's inaugural lecture at Scientific Instrument Makers' Hall yesterday. Mr Maurice Gall, Deputy Master, presided at a luncheon

Meeting

English-Speaking Union

Mr Phillip Whitehead spoke on "The Island of Ireland" at a meeting of the English-Speaking Union current affairs forum held at Dartmouth House last night. Mr Brian Gallagher was in the chair.

Dinners

Speaker

The Speaker and Mrs Bernard Weatherill gave a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday in honour of a parliamentary delegation from Yugoslavia. The Ambassador of Yugoslavia and Mrs Stamenkovic were present. Other guests were:

Mr M H Bushby, Speaker of Tasmania, Mr Richard Alexander, MP, Lord Auckland, Mr Gordon Bagier, MP, Mr Lewis Carter-Jones, MP, Mr John Dormand, MP, Mr Peter Fry, MP, Sir Edward Gardner, QC, MP, Mr Peter Hubbard-Miles, MP, Mr Michael McGuire, MP, Mr Ian Mikardo, MP, Sir John Page, MP, Mr James Pawsey, MP, Mr Colin Shepherd, MP, Mr John Stokes, MP, Mr Peter Temple-Morris, MP, Mr Stanley Thorne, MP, Mr Dafydd Wigley, MP, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Gingell, Mrs Bridget Anson, Canon Trevor Beeson, Mr Clifford Boulton, Major Peter Jennings, Captain Peter Shaw, and Mr William Beaumont.

Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

The President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, Dr Hopkin Maddock, presided at a dinner held at the Society's headquarters in Lambeth High Street last night. Dr Donald Irvine, Chairman of Council of the Royal College of General Practitioners, replied on behalf of the guests. Among those present were:

Sir Bernard Braine, MP, Mr Gordon Oakes, MP, Mr J J MacKay, MP, Mr Graham Calder, Mr W Gerard, Mr Eldon Griffiths, MP, Mr David Mudd, MP, Mr David Penhaligon, MP, Mr Patrick Nicolls, MP, and Mrs Janet Hewlett-Davies.

Reception

Tropical Africa Advisory Group

Mr Gordon Wilson, chairman of the Tropical Africa Advisory Group, was host at a reception held at Painter's Hall yesterday to mark its tenth anniversary.

Birthdays today

Mr Claudio Arrau, 82; Sir Denys Buckley, 79; Mr Peter Cadbury, 67; Sir Robert Erskine-Hill, 68; Sir John Gardener, 88; Air Marshal Sir Victor Goddard, 88; Mr Louis Heren, 66; Dr J. E. C. Hill, 73; Mr Nevil Johnson, 56; Mr Patrick Macnee, 63; the Rev R. Garth Moore, 79; Mr Denis Norden, 63; Mr Manuel Orantes, 36; Lord Roskill, 74; Mr Jimmy Tarbuck, 45; Mr Fred Trueman, 54; Mr Keith Waterhouse, 56; Lord Woolley, 80; Mr Billy Wright, 61.

Lancing College

The Council of Lancing College announces the opening of a purpose-built boarding house for sixth-form girls in September 1985. The house will be built and run on the same lines as Manor House and will provide accommodation for a further 32 boarders and 4 day girls. Applications for places in the new house should be made by February 28, 1985.

Lord Wolfenden

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Wolfenden will be held in Westminster Abbey at noon on Friday, March 1, 1985. Those wishing to attend are asked to apply for tickets to: The Chapter Clerk, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London SW1P 3PA, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, by Friday, February 15. Tickets will be posted on Friday, February 22.

Memorial services

Mr R. Findlater

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Richard Findlater (Kenneth Bruce Findlater Bain) was held at St Paul's, Covent Garden, yesterday. The Rev Roly Bain, son, officiated. Sir John Gielgud, CH, read from the works of Shakespeare and Dame Peggy Ashcroft read from the works of Thomas Hardy and "I ask for silence", a poem by Pablo Neruda. *Mr John Scott (organ) played* "Send in the Clowns" by Mr Stephen Sondheim and members of Clown Cavalcade also took part. Mr Michael Foot, MP gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Findlater (widow), Mr Simon Bain (son), Miss Jeannie Bain (daughter), Mr and Mrs Toby Bain (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs Roly Bain (daughter-in-law), Mrs Stella Storm (sister), Miss Amanda Colbert and Miss Gemma Colbert (stepdaughters), Mr Laurence Colbert (stepson), Mrs Romany Bain.

The Hon Colin Jacobson, Sir Peter Saunders, Lady Mallalieu, Mr Roger Harrison (chief executive, "The Observer") with Mr Donald Trelford (editor), Mr Anthony Howard (deputy editor) and Mrs Howard, Mr Nigel Lloyd (managing editor), Mr William Millinship (managing editor, administration) and Mr Trevor Grove (editor, "The Observer Colour Magazine"); Mr Michael Williams and Miss Judi Dench (life president, Evelyn Norris Home, Worthing), Mr and Mrs John Osborne, Mr Michael Frayn, Miss Elspet Gray, Mr and Mrs Victor Bonham-Carter, Mr David Astor, Mr Mark Le Fanu (general secretary, Society of Authors), Mr Alan Watkins, Mr Alexander Schouvaloff (Theatre Museum at the Victoria and Albert Museum), Mr Paul Ferris, Mr Patrick Ide, Mr Ion Trewin (Hodder and Stoughton), Miss Katharine Whitehorn, Mr Iain Hamilton, Mr David Machin (Bodley Head), Mr Miron Grindea (editor, "Adam International Review"), Mr J W Lambert, Mr Hilary Rubinstein, Mr Julian Symons, Mr Richard Clements, Mr Tom Vaughan (Royal Victoria Hall Foundation), Mr Martin Harvey (secretary, Garrick Club), Professor and Mrs I F Clarke, Mr Ben Mallalieu, Miss Margot Lawrence, Mrs R Devore, and Saskia Devore.

Mr E. F. Bigland

A memorial service for Mr Ernest Frank Bigland was held at St Michael's, Cornhill, yesterday. The Rev John Scott officiated. Mr Peter Dugdale, managing director of the Guardian Royal Exchange, and Miss Emma Bigland, granddaughter, read the lessons. Air Marshal Sir Patrick Dunn gave an address. Among others present were:

Mrs Bigland (widow), Mr and Mrs Robert Bigland and Mr and Mrs John Bigland (brothers and sisters-in-law), Mr and Mrs David Holt (son-in-law and daughter), Mr and Mrs Tom Bigland, Mr and Mrs A R Bigland, Mr and Mrs William Stallybrass, Mr Guy Bigland, Mr Peter Stallybrass, Mr and Mrs Oscar Bigland, Mr Robin Bigland, Miss Emma Handfield-Jones, Miss P Handfield-Jones, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Bigland, Mrs V Tinnie, Mr and Mrs Ritchie Bigland, Colonel N R Bigland, Miss M Miller, Mr and Mrs A Seymour Jones, Mr N Seymour Jones, Miss B Hannay, Mrs D Radcliffe, Mr Gordon Wood, Mr Derek Holt, Mr R A Dalzell.

Lieutenant-Colonel Philip Bradfer-Lawrence (vice-chairman, Guardian Royal Exchange) with Sir David Burnett, the Earl of Inchcape, Casimir Prinz Wittgenstein, Mrs Peter Dugdale, Mr Peter Greenfield, Mr George Williams, Mr Norman Shepherd and past and present members of staff; Mr J Hubert Green (vice-chairman, GRE Pensioners) and Mr A Barrett (representing South Essex GRE pensioners).

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu (National Motor Museum), Baroness Robson of Kiddington, Sir Alistair and Lady Graesser, Sir John Paul, Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, Sir Donald Gosling, Sir Eric St Johnston, Sir Alex Alexander, Major-General G R Turner-Cain (F and G Smith and Crisp Maltings), Mr J F Goble (senior partner, Herbert Smith and Company), Mr Terence W Higgins (representing the Chairman of Lloyds), Mr Geoffrey Haslam (Prudential Corporation), Mr G Bowler (Sun Alliance and London Insurance Group), Mr R H A Wain (Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada) and Mrs Wain, Mr B G Hines (Imperial Chemical Industries), Mr W D Oldfield (Bramley and Company), Mr Christopher Lowe (Coopers and Lybrand), Mr R C W Bardell (British Insurance Association), Mr A G L Pash (Insurance Chess Club), Mr Martin O'Neill (managing director, Bigland Holdings), Mr Allan Grant (president, Ecclesiastical Insurance Office), Mrs P B Hunter (Bryn Hyfryd Museum), Mr Henry Berens (London Trust), Mr D R B Mynors (deputy chairman, National Provident Institution), Mr Richard Gubbins (Streets Financial), Mr Edgar Bowring (C T Bowring and Company), Mr R G Norton (Slaughter and May), Mr Stephen Masefield (Motor Insurers Bureau and the Council of Bureaux), Mr Kenneth Worden (representing the Captain of the Royal Chester Rowing Club) and Mrs Worden, Mr Michael Maurice (National Provident Institution), Mr John Phillips (Trade Indemnity Insurance Company), Mr Michael Hesketh (Rowe and Pitman), Mr Richard Lay (Debenham Tewson and Chinnocks), Mr Ian Findlay, Mr A K MacKenzie-Charrington, Mr Kempson Etherington, Mr John Kennedy, Brigadier C E Tryon-Wilson, Lieutenant-Colonel St J C Brooke Johnson, Mr R A Foreman (British Field Products), Mrs T Kennington, Mrs G Webster, Mr E M Noyes, Mr David Lansdowne (Banking Insurance and Finance Union), Mr John Gardner, Mr and Mrs David Walker, Mr Brian McGrath, Mr J R Benson (Laing and Cruickshank), Mr Charles Hughesdon.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr K. J. McDonagh and Miss A. C. Nesbitt

The engagement is announced between Kerry, elder son of Mr and Mrs James McDonagh, of Runcorn, Cheshire, and Anna, elder daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs Nesbitt, of Fittleworth, Sussex.

Mr J. M. Campbell and Miss P. Vasudevan

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs J. F. Campbell, of Smithayes, Honiton, Devon, and Prasana, daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs N. Vasudevan, of Kerala, Southern India.

Mr H. B. Coyne and Miss A. L. Silverstone

The engagement is announced between Harold, only son of Mr and Mrs E Coyne of London, and Anne, only daughter of Mr C. L. Silverstone and the late Mrs Silverstone, of Plymouth, Devon.

Mr J. P. Crowden and Miss O. J. Sanders

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Captain G. V. P. Crowden, R.N. and Mrs Crowden, of Mitchell Leys Farm, Wingrave, Buckinghamshire, and *Olivia, younger daughter of Mr and* Mrs Basil Sanders of Hacketts, Brickendon, Hertford.

Mr M. P. Dennis and Miss C. Hammick

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs E. W. Dennis, of Bramdean, Hampshire, and Charlotte, eldest daughter of Mr Charles Hammick and of Mrs Jan Romer, of Hawkley, Hampshire.

Mr P. W. Eckersall and Miss D. L. H. Skinner

The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr A. Eckersall of Clifton, Avon, and Mrs K. Glenister of Princes Risborough, *Buckinghamshire* and Deborah, only daughter of the late Lieutenant P. J. Skinner RN, and Mrs B. Auchterlonie of Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

Mr T. M. M. Hamilton and Miss S. V. Barron

The engagement is announced between Timothy, only son of Mrs Valerie Hamilton, of Coventry and Susan, youngest daughter of Mr Peter Barron, of Threemilestone, Truro and Councillor Peggy Barron of The Firs Rest Home, Mawla, Redruth.

Mr T. P. R. Jones and Miss K. Smith

The engagement is announced between Tobin, elder son of Mr and Mrs Brian Jones, of Ledwell, Oxfordshire, and Karen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E. W. Smith, of Oxford.

Mr P. L. Kidson and Miss E. C. K. Goodchild

The engagement is announced between *Paul, youngest son of Mr* and Mrs Ian Kidson, of Little Onn Hall, Church Eaton, Stafford, and Emma, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Goodchild, of Random Cottage, Fishbourne, Chichester, West Sussex.

Mr M. P. Nelson and Miss P. C. Lloyd Williams

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Nelson, of Camberley, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. G. J. Lloyd Williams, of Partridge Green, Sussex.

Mr J. W. B. Norton and Miss C. E. M. Gordon

The engagement is announced between John, son of Captain P. J. Norton, DSC, RN, and Mrs Norton, of Compton, Sussex, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. C. Gordon, of Altrincham, Cheshire.

Mr E. J. Schenk and Miss S. L. Davies

The engagement is announced between Evert Johan, son of Mr and Mrs H. F. Schenk, of Tunbridge Wells, and *Susan Lewis, daughter of* Mr and Mrs Ivor Davies of London, SW18.

Calls to the Bar

The following students of the inns of court have been called to the Bar in Hilary Term:

LINCOLN'S INN

K Coupland, BA (Hons), of Christ's College, Cambridge: C C Elletson, BA (Hons), of London University: R E N Travers, BA (Hons), of Digby Stuart College: I Bartlett, BA (Hons), of Leeds University, Diploma in law (City University): C A Hughes, MSc and PhD, University of Natal, South Africa, LLB (Hons), London University: Miss L R MacDonald, LLB (Hons), Bristol University: H M Mughal, BA (Hons), Keele University, LLM, Wolfson College, Cambridge.

INNER TEMPLE

T M Bennett, BA, of Bristol University: J Webster, BA, of Coventry Polytechnic: Viscountess Colville of Culross, LLB of King's College, London: Julia A Dobson, LLB, of Hill University: The Hon P J T Lawrence, of Christ Church, Oxford: A G Ritchie, BA, of Magdalene College, Cambridge: T J H Jackson, LLB, of University of Adelaide, Australia.

MIDDLE TEMPLE

J H Trumpington, BA (Hons), of Polytechnic of Central London: C V Molloy, BA (Hons) of Wolverhampton Polytechnic: Miss Belinda Z Schwehr, LLB, of King's College, London: J D Lloyd, BA, of Brasenose College, Oxford: Mrs Beverley Molloy, BA (Hons), of Wolverhampton Polytechnic: A N G Peto, BA and BCL, of Brasenose College, Oxford: A Dunn, BA (Hons), of Lancaster University, K Kirkham, magistrates' court clerk: M Whitehouse, BA (Hons), of Manchester Polytechnic: K J S Greig, BA, of University College, Oxford: A S Burrows, MA and BCL, of Brasenose College, Oxford: Miss Catherine M Tompkinson, BA (Hons), of University College, London: S P Moverley Smith, BA (Hons), of Pembroke College, Oxford: S W Vezbirk, LLB (Hons), of Buckingham University: R A Laurence, BSc (Econ), of London School of Economics: Miss Nicola M Turnbull, LLB, of Leicester University: P Brookwell, BA (Hons), of Wolverhampton Polytechnic: Miss Rowena A Courten, LLB, of Leicester University: Miss Nalini Pathmanathan, BSc (Hons), of Queen Elizabeth College, London University: H W Carter, TD, BA, of Open University: J H Pollon, LLB, of Adelaide University, Australia.

GRAY'S INN

W R Junkin, LLB, Queen's University Belfast, BA, Ulster Polytechnic: Nina B Scott, LLB, London University, LLM, King's College London: R E T J Williams, LLB, University College, Cardiff: J J B L Giret, LLB, University of Warwick: P Frost: Susan E Graham: Sharan P Werner, BA, Hatfield Polytechnic, Glenda Fontaine, BA, Keele University: B Boston, BSoc, SC, Keele University: M Kasler, BA, North-East London Polytechnic, Amanda J Walking-Simpson, LLB, University College Cardiff: R I McLellan, LLB, Manchester University: P T Kinloch, BA, Liverpool Polytechnic: G E Bermingham, MP, LLB, Sheffield University: I Lloyd, LLB, University of Sydney, Australia: Samarudin MD Rejab, BSc, University of Hawaii, MRP, Cornell University, MSc, State University of New York, Licentiate in Law, University College of Buckingham.

Women's bridge pair chosen

Mrs Diana Williams and Ms Jane Spence have been chosen for the women's team for the home countries internationals on June 1 and 2 in Scotland after the English Bridge Union's weekend trials in Birmingham.

They will join the pre-selected pair of Mrs S. Landy and Mrs S. Sowter, the olympiad silver medallists. A third pair will be added later this month.

1, Mrs Williams, Ms Spence, 93; 2, Mrs G E Ray, Mrs J V Curran, 78; 3, Mrs R Oldroyd, Mrs S Penfold, 74; 4, Miss K Preddy, Mrs J Lodge, 72; 5, Mrs M Dennison, Miss I Brickwood, 68; 6, Miss M Brunner, Mrs R Goldenfild, 63; 7, Mrs A M Scarborough, Mrs G Scott Jones, 56; 8, Miss S Tick, Miss A Smith, 55

Baron Chapple

The life Barony conferred on Francis Joseph Chapple has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Chapple, of Hoxton in Greater London.

Latest appointments



Top civil servant for Gaming Board

Sir Anthony Rawlinson, aged 58, joint Permanent Secretary at the Department of Trade, who is to be chairman of the Gaming Board for Great Britain in succession to Lord Allen of Abbeydale, who is retiring.

Other appointments include:

Mr Roy McMurtry, aged 52, Attorney General of Ontario, to be Canada's High Commissioner to Britain in succession to Mr Donald Jamieson.

Mr Frederick W. Ward, former chief executive of Great Grimsby Borough Council, to be deputy chairman of the London and Metropolitan Government Staff Commission.

Latest wills

Ursula Bloom leaves £75,506

Mrs Ursula Harvey Gower Robinson, of Nether Wallop, Hampshire, Ursula Bloom, the novelist, left estate valued at £75,506 net. She died intestate.

Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Ian Griffith Taylor, of Wark, Northumberland, Deputy Lieutenant of Northumberland since 1946, left £1,856,371 net.

Biasoni, Mr Fulvio, of Trowbridge, Wiltshire £241,423

Goatcher, Mr Herbert Reginald, of Washington, West Sussex, nurseryman £271,316

Christening

The infant son of the Hon George and Mrs Jeffreys was christened Christopher George Hugo by the Rev Roger Williams at Tidmington Church on Sunday, February 3. The godparents are Major John Magnay, Mr Tom Troubridge, Mr Richard Southby, Lady Tollemache and Mrs Angus Fraser.

OBITUARY

DR L. A. PARS

Work on analytical dynamics

Dr L. A. Pars, Life Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge, and formerly University Lecturer in Mathematics in the University of Cambridge, died on January 28. He was 89.

Leopold Alexander Pars, known to his friends as Alan, was born on January 2, 1896. He was educated at Latymer Upper School, from which he entered Jesus College as a Foundation Scholar in 1915. After gaining First Classes in both Parts of the Mathematical Tripos, he won the First Smith's Prize in 1921. In the same year his college recognized his outstanding ability by electing him into the Fellowship which he retained to the end of his life.

For 25 years he served the college as Director of Studies in Mathematics, and for almost as long as Praelector. From 1958 until 1964 he was President of *the college, an office for which* he was suited to perfection by reason of his instinctive hospitality.

Pars never married, and the bachelor quarters he occupied in college were among the rooms most frequented by undergraduates. They could hardly fail to be charmed by his friendly interest in their activities, astounded by his wide range of exact quotation, and delighted by his knowledge of and enthusiasm for the theatre – though latterly few may have been aware of his earlier skill as a mountaineer.

Although it is natural to think of Pars first and foremost as a college man, his influence on mathematics, and still more on young mathematicians, was substantial. His magnum opus, *A Treatise on Analytical Dynamics*, published in 1965, enshrined a lifetime's research and experience, and was written with characteristic lucidity and thoroughness.

That he was no narrow specialist is shown by his admirable *Calculus of Variations*, published in 1962. He justifiably regarded himself as a mathematician, not as an analytical dynamicist nor even as an applied mathematician.

He was a teacher and lecturer of great skill and clarity whose range, though true to the tradition he inherited from his esteemed predecessor at Jesus College, William Welsh, was beyond the reach of most of his younger colleagues in the faculty.

It was perhaps inevitable that his three books – he also published an *Introduction to Dynamics* in 1953 – appeared after he had retired from the more demanding of his college offices, for in his earlier years *his devotion to the task of* teaching the young left him with less leisure for research and writing than his mathematical prowess deserved. But they were worth waiting for, and he will long be remembered.

MR NOBUHIKO USHIBA

Mr Nobuhiko Ushiba, who died on December 31 at the age of 75, was a senior and experienced Japanese diplomat who played an important part in his country's external economic policy, particulary towards the United States. For 13 months in 1977-78 he was a member of the Fukuda government.

In 1932 he graduated, like most diplomats, from the Law Faculty of what was then Tokyo Imperial University, and entered the Foreign Ministry. He served in both Berlin and London during the 1930s, and while in Berlin worked under the Ambassador, General Hiroshi Oshima, before and after conclusion of the Axis Pact.

Immediately after the war he resigned from the Foreign Ministry and acted as a defence lawyer for Oshima at the International Military Tribunal for the Far East.

During the traumatic period of Japan's recovery from the war, Ushiba turned his attention to economics. In 1949 he was appointed Director of the Foreign Exchange Control Commission, and later headed the Commerce Bureau of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry. In 1954 he rejoined the Foreign Ministry, and headed its Economics Bureau before being appointed Ambassador to Canada in 1961.

He played a significant role in *the Burma reparations* agreement, the Agreement on Commerce with Australia and agreements with the USSR, India and elsewhere. In 1967 he became Permanent Vice-Minister (the top administrative position) of the Foreign Ministry, and in 1970, at a time of great complexity in Japan-US relations, he was appointed Ambassador to Washington.

Japan and America in 1970 were entangled in an acrimonious dispute about the textile trade, much compounded by misunderstandings on both sides. Negotiations for the return of Okinawa to Japan were also at a delicate stage. Ushiba's economic expertise and diplomatic skills are credited with having stemmed further deterioration of the relationship, which could easily have occurred under President Nixon and Prime Minister Sato.

In November 1977, after his retirement from the Foreign Ministry, he joined the Fukuda Cabinet as Special Minister of State with responsibility for foreign economic policy. In December 1978, he was made chief Japanese representative to the Tokyo Round of tariff negotiations, and in 1979 he took on the leading Japanese role in the Wisemen's Group set up by the Carter and Ohira administrations as a way of helping ease trade frictions. As late as September 1984 he presented a Report to the Reagan and Nakasone governments on the economic problems between the two countries.

In latter years Ushiba was a committed advocate of a much *more open Japanese economy*, but also liked to tell American audiences in forthright terms that they should not blame Japan for economic problems that were of their own making.

KARL SCHMITT-WALTER

Karl Schmitt-Walter, the distinguished German baritone, died on January 14 at the age of 84. In the immediate prewar and postwar era, he was constantly in demand for his sensitive portrayals of a wide range of operatic roles, and for his discerning interpretations of Lieder.

Schmitt-Walter was born at Germersheim on the Rhine on December 29, 1900, and studied at Nuremberg and Munich before making his stage debut at Oberhausen in 1921. After various engagements in other small houses, he eventually achieved recognition when he was engaged at the Charlottenburg Opera in Berlin in 1935.

From then on his career took him on to the international stages in Vienna, Bayreuth and New York. His only Covent Garden appearances were during the Bavarian State Opera's visit there in 1953 when he sang the Count in *Capriccio*.

Being a notable singing-actor, it is not surprising to find that Papageno and Beckmesser were among his most admired parts. His clear diction and intelligent phrasing also lent character to his Lieder singing. His appreciable art is preserved on record, most notable in Schubert's *Winterreise*, and in arias from the operas of Mozart and Wagner. They give us a taste of his velvet tone and his intimate, fluent way with the music in hand.

Following his retirement in 1962, after a career spanning 40 years, he became a voice teacher in Copenhagen.

LORD CAMERON OF BALHOUSIE

RQ writes:

The outstandingly distinguished service that Lord Cameron gave in the defence of his country was very properly the focus of your obituary. But the passing of this heroic man calls for greater recognition of his immense contribution to the University of London as Principal of King's College from 1980.

In this short period, almost half of it in grave illness, he played a quite exceptional part on the Court and the Senate of the University, while engaging in what was by far the most complex and imaginative task of restructuring that our British university system has yet attempted. This was no less than to bring into amalgamation, in extremely difficult circumstances, three proudly separate chartered bodies – King's College, Chelsea College, and Queen Elizabeth College.

It was a labour that taxed to the full his remarkable talents – his intellect, his energy, his charm, and his unique ability to engage the whole-hearted love and loyalty of all who were privileged to work with him.

A correspondent writes:

It should be added to your excellent account of the career of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Cameron of Balhousie that he had in 1983 been appointed a Knight of the Order of the Thistle, his installation in the Thistle Chapel taking place in July of last year in spite of his already serious ill health.

DR VIOLET GRUBB

Dr Violet Grubb, who was Headmistress of Westonbirt School from 1937 to 1955 and later Principal of the Salisbury Diocesan Training College from 1955 to 1962, died on January 24 at the age of 86.

Violet Margaret Grubb was born in Oxton, in Nottinghamshire, in 1898, and educated at Bournemouth High School and Westfield College, University of London.

From 1923 to 1925 she was an assistant lecturer in Botany at Westfield College. She then spent five years in China science teacher in I Fang School, Changsha, and lecturer in Hunan Provincial University.

On her return to this country, she was a lecturer in the department of Botany at Westfield College from 1931 to 1937 before being appointed Headmistress of Westonbirt.

While at Westonbirt she was president of the Association of Head Mistresses of Boarding Schools 1943-45 and chairman of the Association of Independent and Direct Grant Schools 1950-53.

She was a member of the Central Advisory Council for Education (England) 1956-59 and of the Science Museum Advisory Council 1957-64.

Science report

Taking the wind out of clover

By Stephen Young

Recent research by Canadian scientists may pave the way for varieties of clover with particularly desirable qualities.

Clover is an important crop, which is grown in many parts of the world as forage for sheep and cows. But it has one drawback: it can cause a serious condition called bloat, a severe form of flatulence marked by foaming in the rumen.

Vets usually treat the condition by piercing the beast's expanded body and allowing the gas to escape, a method dramatically demonstrated on a sheep in the film version of Hardy's *Far from the Madding Crowd*.

The foam that bubbles up in the rumen is probably caused by proteins from the clover. But bloat does not occur if certain chemicals, called tannins, are present in the forage.

Many scientists believe that tannins settle the stomach by reacting with the proteins and preventing the formation of a foaming brew. Tannins are absent from clover, but are produced naturally by many other plants, including some of the clover's close relatives, such as bird's-foot trefoil.

Clover breeders are keen to introduce tannins into varieties of clover used as forage crops. But before that aim can be realized, it is necessary to understand how the production of tannins is controlled by the plant's genes. With that in mind, E. J. Dalrymple, B. P. Goplen and R. E. Howarth, who work at an agricultural research station in Saskatchewan, set out to study tannin production in bird's-foot trefoil.

The researchers crossed plants containing large quantities of tannins with plants equipped with only trace amounts of the chemicals.

All the progeny from that union were prolific manufacturers of tannins. Those plants, the F1 generation, were then crossed with one another; in the next generation there were three producers of tannins to every non-producer. When the F1 plants were backcrossed to their less productive parents, a one-to-one ratio resulted.

Such ratios are the stuff of classical genetics and much can be deduced from them.

The scientists' findings imply that a single gene controls the production of tannins in bird's-foot trefoil. That is good news for clover breeders; a character regulated by a single gene is much easier to transfer into a variety than one under the control of many genes.

Whether scientists will be able to make such a transfer remains to be seen. Clover and bird's-foot trefoil are sexually incompatible, so they cannot be crossed to form a hybrid. But although the conventional route is closed, new methods of hybridization are becoming available.

One possibility is a technique called protoplast fusion, in which cells of two normally incompatible species are persuaded to coalesce in the test tube.

Genetic engineering may offer a second method of transfer. The gene for tannin production would have to be constructed and multiplied, then slipped into the clover cell, perhaps through the agency of a bacterium that routinely injects some of its *genes into plant cells*.

The Canadian research is a significant first step towards that goal of better clovers and happier, less flatulent livestock.

Source: *Crop Science*, vol 24, p 921.

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Divisional Court

Specialized appeals machinery should not be by-passed

Regina v Chief Adjudication Officer, Ex Parte Bland

Regina v Same, Ex parte Trades Union Congress

Regina v Same, Ex parte National Union of Mineworkers

Before Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Taylor

[Reasons delivered January 29]

It was highly desirable in a specialized field where Parliament has provided machinery to deal with appeals from decisions under its legislation in that field, that the Queen's Bench Divisional Court should be chary of by-passing such machinery, the Divisional Court held delivering reasons for its judgment delivered on January 22 when it dismissed three applications for judicial review.

Mr Bland, a striking miner, the Trades Union Congress and the National Union of Mineworkers each brought an application for judicial review seeking orders of certiorari to quash the instructions issued by the respondent, the Chief Adjudication Officer, to other adjudication officers pursuant to section 97 of the Social Security Act 1975, as amended, that they should always deduct a specified sum from the supplementary benefit payable to a married couple where one partner was involved in a trade dispute; or alternatively, a declaration that the adjudication officers were not entitled to make such deduction. All applications raised the same point of statutory construction.

By agreement, argument was heard on the preliminary issue whether it was appropriate for the Division Court to exercise its discretion to entertain an application for judicial review or whether the point raised by all applications should be determined through social security statutory appeals procedure.

Mr F Reynold and Mr R Drabble for Mr Bland: Mr F Reynold and Miss C Booth for the TUC: Mr R Drabble for the NUM: Mr J Laws for the Chief Adjudication Officer.

MR JUSTICE TAYLOR said that the essence of the applicants' case was that judicial review provided a swifter procedure than that available under the statutory appeal system, the time limits laid down in regulation 29 of the Social Security (Adjudication) Regulations (SI 1984 No 451) made no specific provision for expedition and there was urgent need for an authoritative ruling on a point of considerable public importance.

It seemed in the present case that there was no good reason why an appeal by the statutory route should not be heard expeditiously. There was evidence from the respondent that by agreement the time limits fixed by regulation 29 could be and in practice were substantially reduced.

The reasons of Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, for regarding judicial review as a more convenient, beneficial and effective remedy (see *R v Paddington Valuation Officer, Ex parte Peachey Property Corporation* ([1966] 1 QB 380, 400)) did not apply as there were no problems of discovery nor of agreeing on a suitable test case.

There could be no doubt that one test case would decide the point at issue for all other such cases and either the respondent would be vindicated or would be held wrong at law and fresh guidance promptly issued nationwide.

Accordingly Mr Bland's application should be dismissed and he be left to his right of appeal by statutory procedure.

Had Mr Bland's application for judicial review been entertained there would still have remained the question of whether the other applicants had sufficient interest to have *locus standi* to be heard on the same issue.

It was argued that the NUM was the union of which Mr Bland was a member. One of its main objects was to protect the interests of its members and it had called the strike which involved Mr Bland and others seeking supplementary benefit.

It was argued the TUC had as one of its main objects the protection of the interests of workers in all the unions affiliated to it.

His Lordship would have held that the NUM had the necessary *locus standi*, but the TUC's nexus with Mr Bland or any other individual striker was too remote to establish *locus standi* and its application would in any event have been dismissed on that ground.

Lord Justice May agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Roger J. G. Smith; Russell Jones & Walker; Solicitor, DHSS.

Employment Appeal Tribunal

No doctrine of constructive expulsion from union

McGhee v Transport and General Workers' Union

McGhee v Midlands British Road Services Ltd

Before Mr Justice Waite, Mr J. Bell and Mr R. Lewis

[Judgment delivered January 25]

A member of a union operating a closed shop who resigned his membership because of the allegedly oppressive behaviour of the union towards him could not claim that he had been unreasonably expelled from the union within the meaning of section 4 (2) of the Employment Act 1980. There was no doctrine of "constructive expulsion" in the 1980 Act.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal dismissed an appeal by Mr John McGhee from a decision of a Swindon industrial tribunal in December 1983 who dismissed his complaint against the Transport and General Workers' Union that they had "constructively" expelled him from the union. He also appealed against the tribunal's decision that he was not unfairly dismissed by his employers, Midland British Road Services Ltd, on the ground that the tribunal's decision that he did not have a deeply held personal conviction which prevented him from being a member of a union, within the meaning of section 58 (4) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978, as substituted by section 3 of the Employment Act 1982, was perverse.

Section 4 of the 1980 Act provides that where there is a closed shop: "(2) Every person who is or is seeking to be, in employment to which this section applies shall have the right – (a) not to have an application for membership of a specified trade union unreasonably refused; (b) not to be unreasonably expelled from a specified trade union."

Section 58(3) of the 1978 Act, as amended, provides: "Subject to the following provisions of this section, the dismissal of an employee by an employer shall be regarded for the purposes of this Part as having been fair if (a) [there is a closed shop agreement] and (b) the reason ... for the dismissal was that the employee was not ... a member of a union in accordance with the agreement ...

"(4) Subsection (3) shall not apply if the employee genuinely objects on grounds of conscience or other deeply-held personal conviction to being a member of any trade union whatsoever or of a particular trade union."

Mr Phillip Dann for the applicant: Mr Christopher Jeans for the union: Mr Nicholas Beddard for the company.

MR JUSTICE WAITE said that there were two claims before the industrial tribunal: one against the union and one against the employers. Both claims failed: the first on the ground that a resigning member could not claim in law to have been expelled; the second on the ground that applicant had failed to satisfy the tribunal that his views amounted to an objection to membership because of a deeply-held personal conviction.

In the first claim the industrial tribunal had considered the issue as a preliminary question of law. They found that there was no such thing as "constructive" expulsion.

It was necessary to consider the legal background to section 4 of the 1980 Act. Certain features previously contained in the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 were reproduced in the 1980 Act.

They included the criteria of equity and the substantial merits of the case and consideration of "practicability" for time limits. But there was a no parallel for section 55 (2) (c) of the 1978 Act, the doctrine of "constructive dismissal".

The appeal tribunal considered that a suggested implication into the 1980 Act of the concept of constructive expulsion was not justified by the language of the Act. If Parliament had intended that resignation could lead to a complaint of expulsion, it would have said so in clear language. The appeal in the case against the union failed.

In the second appeal it was contended that the industrial tribunal's findings that the applicant's refusal to be a union member was not based on a deeply held personal conviction was preverse. But there was no basis for disturbing the tribunal's decision. The appeal in the case against the company would also be dismissed.

Leave to appeal would be granted in the first appeal.

Solicitors: Jaggar & Co, Swindon; Pattinson & Brewer; Mr J. M. Watterson, Bedford.

THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Money supply, nice while it lasted

There was no nasty taste, after all, in the January money supply figures. However, by the time they appeared, the dollar's surge of the past few days had ensured they were of limited relevance to the short-term course of base rates.

Sterling M3 is provisionally estimated to have risen by 0.75 per cent in banking January, just a whisker below the average of market expectations. Annualized growth over the present target period (since last February) is put at 10 per cent, at the top of the 6 to 10 per cent target range.

The other targeted aggregate, M0, actually fell by 0.75-1.0 per cent in January, but since this was largely an unwinding of December's 1.5 per cent increase, no one was drawing any hopeful conclusions on interest rates.

At the other end of the scale, the wide money measure PSL2 rose by 1.25-1.5 per cent, taking annualized growth since February, 1984, to 15.25 per cent – and still accelerating. As in previous months, special factors have been dragged out to explain the extraordinarily high level of bank lending – £2 billion in banking January. Companies increased their borrowing to meet value-added-tax payments, following the introduction of new regulations on VAT on imports last November. The fact that most companies could pay on a two- to three-month delay explains why this is a factor in Janurary's money numbers.

There was certainly some round-tripping, as corporate treasurers took advantage of the gap between money market and base rates. There was also a British Telecom effect, mainly in suspense and transit items.

Even so, adding all the special factors up may only account for a third of January's bank lending at most. Lending is strong and may be slow to respond, even to 14 per cent base rates.

Thus, the onus has been on funding, which was surprisingly successful in banking January. Net gilt sales totalled £1 billion, against an average market expectation of around half that. The authorities relatively relaxed attitude to funding in banking January was signposted by the announcement of £800 million of Exchequer 10½ per cent 2005 on January 14, two days before the end of the banking month but conveniently arranged so that no payment came in until the February banking month.

The Government Broker was up with the lark yesterday, selling hard ahead of the money figures. He was said to have sold a tranche of the Treasury 2½ per cent index-linked 2020, perhaps £100 million of the Conversion 10¼ per cent 1999, and possibly £100 million of bits and pieces elsewhere, sewing up about £250 million of opportunistic fundings.

Market buoyancy helped the sales campaign. At one point, long dated stocks were nearly 1 point better. By the close, early euphoria had faded as the dollar strengthened and hopes of early base rate cuts faded. Gains in the shorts were trimmed to ¼ point.

Already the talk is that, because of the aggressive funding drive so far in banking February, with net gilt sales perhaps topping £1.5 billion, the outlook for the February money numbers is very good indeed. What happens to base rates over the next few days and weeks depends on the progress of President Reagan's budget and whether the long-heralded spring softening of world oil prices actually happens.

But if the next set of money figures are good it may at least allow the Chancellor to achieve something which has become almost as much a tradition as the battered red dispatch box – the Budget-time base rate cut.

The debate starts on Tebbit's plan

With Mr Norman Tebbit's white paper on financial services only a week old, yesterday's conference to discuss "New Rules in a Changing Securities Market" presented by *The Times* and the accountants Peat Marwick, offered a timely opportunity for its proposals to be examined critically. Mr Richard Lloyd, chief executive and deputy chairman of *Hill Samuel*, made it quite clear that he is unhappy with the suggestion to set up two regulatory boards, a Securities and Investments Board and a Marketing of Investments Board. "With the benefit of not much hindsight" said Mr Lloyd, it really must have been a mistake, however well intentioned, to propose two bodies".

His arguments are very powerful. There is a considerable amount of overlap between the two in the case of nearly all the newly emmerging all-round securities businesses. The information base required by both bodies would have a great deal in common and the immediate need to obtain powerful recruits would be made twice as difficult unless the members selected were common to both.

Mr Lloyd's suggestion for the SIB is that it should be structured with four executive sub-boards. These would cover investment management, the marketing of insurance and pooled investment products, commodity future investments and broker/dealing outside the Stock Exchange. For broker/dealing inside the Stock Exchange and for commodity broker/dealing, Mr Lloyd suggested that the SIB would delegate powers to the Stock Exchange and the Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers.

Mr Lloyd is a firm believer in self-regulation backed by statute which is inherently flexible and relatively lacking in legalistic formality, and would therefore not want to see a US-style Securities and Exchange Commission. He cited the Takeover Panel as an excellent example of how self-regulation can work.

He was not the only speaker to voice praise for the work of the Takeover Panel. Robin Broadley, managing director of Baring Brothers also saw a role for it in the City's regulation.

There was not such glowing praise for Nasdim. Mr Lloyd was unconvinced that it had a role to play in the City's regulation, which naturally provoked a rigorous defence from another speaker at yesterday's conference: Mr Robin Hodgson, managing director of Granville Securities and Chairman of Nasdim. He defended the progress which Nasdim has made in setting out standards

It is clear that there must be considerable debate and discussion before the regulatory framework for the City takes its final shape. One issue which will be uppermost in people's minds is the question of the conflicts of interest which will inevitably arise as brokers, bankers and jobbers link up.

The new breed of investment managers and advisers will have to go out of their way to convince clients that they are not suffering, and that the "Chinese Walls" between activities have been soundly erected. However, Mr Lloyd believes that these Chinese Walls can be very effective and he criticizes the White Paper for belittling their effect.

Lloyd's recommends £1m fine for former PCW chairman

By Alison Eadie

The verdicts of the disciplinary committee of Lloyd's insurance market against the defendants in the PCW scandal were sent to the defendants last week. The defendants have 28 days in which to appeal. If there is no appeal the ruling council of Lloyd's will then meet to ratify or modify the committee's verdicts.

The committee found Mr Peter Dixon, former chairman of PCW underwriting agency, and now living abroad, guilty of misappropriation and taking personal benefit from money belonging to names on the syndicates.

It advocated expelling him from Lloyd's for life, fining him £1 million and awarding costs against him of £200,000.

Three other former executives of the agency, who are all working at Lloyd's fared better. The committee that advocated that Mr Adrian Hardman be suspended for two years from membership of the society. It also awarded costs against him. It did not stipulate that he should cease to work at Lloyd's. He is employed at Willis Faber, one of Lloyd's largest brokers.

The committee advocated that Mr Colin Davies be suspended from membership of the society for one year and awarded costs against him of £40,000. He is free to continue working at broker Benfield, Lovick and Rees.

Mr David Hill, who works at Thomas R Miller & Son the family company of the chairman of Lloyd's, Mr Peter Miller, was reprimanded by the disciplinary committee and had costs awarded against him.

The PCW scandal erupted in 1982, when it was discovered that £39 million of names' money on PCW syndicates had been channelled abroad by former executives. Mr Peter Cameron-Webb, PCW's chairman before Mr Dixon, avoided being called as a defendant as he resigned from Lloyd's before the affair broke.

Minet, the insurance broker which owns PCW (now renamed Richard Beckett) has a lawsuit out against both Mr Cameron-Webb and Mr Dixon for the return of £13 million still missing from the syndicates.

The City Police have been making inquiries into the PCW affair, but no decision on a prosecution has yet been made by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The defendants have 14 days in which to lodge notice of appeal against the disciplinary committee's sentence and 14 more days in which to lodge evidence. It is thought appeals are unlikely, although some of the defendants may appeal against the size of the costs.

● In a letter to the Labour spokesman on trade Mr Bryan Gould, Mr Norman Tebbit, trade and industry secretary, defended the appointment of Mr W. C. Beckett as a legal adviser to Lloyd's

Mr Beckett was formerly a solicitor with the trade department. Mr Gould wrote to Mr Tebbit saying Mr Beckett's new job created conflict of interest.

Mr Tebbit said the appointment had departmental blessing and there was no conflict of interest, arising from Mr Beckett's insie knowledge of the trade department's supervisory process. He said Lloyd's ruling council is keen to see action taken by the authorities against any member of the Lloyd's community whose activites might involve a breach of criminal law.

£30m tag expected at Mann flotation

By Cliff Feltham

Mann and Company, one of the country's oldest and biggest estate agents, entrenched in the lucrative south-east housing market, is all set to be launched on the stock market where it could command a price tag of at least £30 million.

Arrangements are thought to be well advanced for the business to seek a listing through a tender offer, probably next month. Mr Paul Locke, Mann's managing director, confirmed that a flotation had been on the cards for three years, but would not comment on speculation that it was imminent. "We have made sure our tackle is always ready", he said.

Mann has around 120 branches, mainly in the Home Counties, and has an important tie-up with American-based property agents. It is thought to be keen on making acquisitions.

Mr Locke would not say what he thought the business was worth, but Mann is thought to have earned pretax profits of around £1.7 million last year and is on target for around £3 million in this.

Inevitably, comparisons will be made with the market's two other estate agents, Bairstow Eves, which went public in June 1982, and Connels, the Luton group which made its debut last March in an issue 61 times oversubscribed. Given the present buoyant state of the housing market, the issue should be very well received.

Mann was set up before the turn of the century, and is based in the stockbroker belt of Surrey. It has been steadily expanding its services to take in property management and mortgage and insurance broking.

It has also created a profitable corporation relocation service – handling house moves for top executives on both sides of the Atlantic – through a link with Coldwell Banker, part of the US Sears Roebuck group, and LePage, which is part of the Canadian Royal Trust Company.

Bank boost

Arab Banking Corporation, the Bahrain-based consortium banking group, more than doubled bad debt provisions to $45 million (£40.5 million) last year from $20 million in 1983. Net profits rose $107 million to $110 million.

Intervention 'will not hold down dollar'

By Nicholas Ashford in Washington and David Smith

Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, said yesterday he did not believe currency intervention would be successful in holding down the dollar.

His comments, in evidence to the joint economic committee of Congress, came as the dollar soared to new heights. It closed at a 12-year high of DM3.2255 in Europe, later trading above DM3.23 in New York.

The dollar's gain was most dramatic against the mark, rising 1.45 pfennigs. The pound was also pushed down, by 23 points to $1.1115, only 10 points above its record closing low in London.

Mr Volcker echoed market fears of higher US interest rates when he told the committee that a deficit reduction of less than $50 billion would have a downward impact on rates, he said, but added that the deficit-cutting target "probably should be raised".

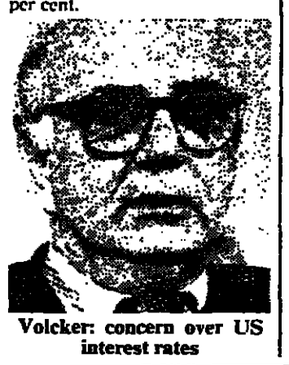
Mr Volcker repeated his warning that the US is on its way to become the world's biggest debtor nation. He said the huge inflows of capital to finance the curent account deficit have eased financial stresses in the US, but have had a damaging effect elsewhere, " inhibiting more forceful policies to encourage 'homegrown' expansion abroad".

Mr Volcker said economic growth in the US and elsewhere is threatened by growing trade deficits.

The Reagan Administration's Council of Economic Advisers yesterday proposed that the Federal Reserve should revise the way it sets goals for the money supply in order to encourage further economic growth.

In particular, the CEA called for a $5 billion boost to the base from which the 1985 target for the M1 measure of money is calculated.

Mr William Niskanen, a CEA member, said the change would not involve a big change in the Federal Reserve's tentative 1984 M1 growth range of 4 to 7 per cent.



Volcker: concern over US interest rates

£124m offer rejected by Tootal

By Our City Staff

Entrad, Australia's largest clothing and textile group, has made a £124 million cash offer for the British textile company, Tootal Group. Tootal called the offer "unsolicited and materially inadequate" and advised shareholders to take no action.

Bid rumours have been rife since August, when Entrad started to build a stake in Tootal. That now stands at 5.78 per cent.

Last October Entrad told Sydney stock exchange it had no intention of bidding for Tootal. It did, however, want a larger stake and boardroom representation. Tootal's chairman, Mr Alan Wagstaff, said he did not think boardroom representation would be in the interests of shareholders as a whole.

Entrad then changed its mind, and at the end of January approached Tootal with a formal offer. Entrad is 83 per cent owned by three prominent Australian businessmen, the chairman, Mr Arnold Bloch, the chief executive, Mr Abraham Goldberg, and Mr Marcus Besen.

Tootal's share price rose to 79p, up 15½p on the day and 9p above the offer price, indicating that the market is looking for a higher bid.

IN BRIEF

Rate cuts recede

The pound held up well against a sharp dollar rise yesterday. However, the strength of the dollar was enough to postpone any cut in base rates in Britain. Sterling dropped 23 points to $1.1115, but improved against most other currencies, the sterling index rising 0.1 to 71.4.

The dollar's surge, which took it to DM3.23 against the mark in New York, came in the absence of any concerted central bank intervention. Dealers predicted that the dollar would soon test the DM3.35 level. Again the main factor was the US budget and its likely upward impact on US interest rates.

Britain's money supply, with sterling M3 up ¾ per cent in banking January, was not as bad as expected and helped shares upwards. The FT 30-share index gained 14.1 to 982.4. The wider FT-SE 100 index was up 20.9 at 1,289.1.

BTR falters

BTR has again fallen foul of the Takeover Panel over tactics in its bid for Dunlop. Yesterday an advertisement due to appear in another national newspaper was withdrawn because of the "late intervention of the Panel."

Lloyds loans

Lloyds Bank is raising the cost of home improvement and personal loans from 10.5 to 12 per cent (annual percentage rate 23.8 per cent over two years).

Mr Robert Maxwell's BPCC printing group is buying the Thomas Forman printing arm of BAT Industries. No figure is put on the deal but the assetts involved are £5 million.

Director goes

Mr Paul Guy has resigned as group finance director of Woolworths Holdings after just five months in the job. A briet company statement said he had gone for "personal reasons".

Saatchi expands

Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising agency, is expanding into business communication and corporate conferences with the acquisition of Infocom Group for an initial payment of £1.2 million.

Duffryn change

Power Duffryn, the engineering group said yesterday that two senior executives in its Power Duffryn Timber subsidiary had resigned and negotiations over compensation had begun.

Mexico cuts oil price by $1.25

By Jonathan Davis

Mexico, one of the world's leading oil exporters outside the Organization of Petrolean Exporting Countries, announced officially yesterday that it is cutting the price of its Isthmus crude oil by $1.25 a barrel. The new price is $27.75 a barrel.

The move was greeted calmly by the oil market, which has been expecting a price cut of about that size after last week's Opec decision to trim the prices of their similar light (high quality) crude oils. A sharper price cut would have put new downward pressure on the fragile Opec price structure.

Mexico has allied itself fairly closely with Opec's pricing policies in the last two years, but has started hinting that it would go its own way unless the Opec producers made a greater effort to enforce their own pricing and production quota decisions.

Mexico's apparent determination to give the new Opec agreement a chance is underlined by the fact that it is leaving the price of its main heavier export grade of crude, Maya, unchanged at $25.50 a barrel.

The Mexican move could add to the pressure on North Sea prices however, since Mexican and North Sea oil compete in the eastern United States oil market.

● Nigeria has adopted a two-tier system of oil pricing, apparently designed to encourage customers to take more of the country's light-grade crude.

TEMPUS

Unitech profits soar but gloom is ahead

The stock market's suspicion that Unitech would soon start to feel the pinch from increased capacity among semiconductor manufacturers inevitably leading to lower component prices was duly confirmed yesterday. The group reported a highly creditable rise of 42 per cent in sales to £97 million and an increase in pretax profits of 32 per cent to just over £7 million – the lower end of forecasts – during the first half.

But the sting in the tail is the warning that the rate of increase in orders and sales is continuing to slow during the current half. The shares nevertheless took fright and fell 23p to 265p. On broker knocked £1 million off his full year forecast to £16.5 million, against £13.1 million last time.

For the present half the board is paying an interim dividend of 1.96p a share, against 1.694p.

The component business has been growing at about 65 per cent but Unitech now cautions that a more realistic rate of 20 to 25 per cent should be anticipated. The additional capacity installed by semiconductor manufacturers coupled with improved efficiency is leading to price erosion of about 15 per cent a year. Unitech's system business remains buoyant, handling distribution af products for the likes of Intel, Hewlett Packard and IBM and is growing at about 35 per cent a year.

Problem areas during the first half were the group's two non-core businesses, Dataport, a hand held computer manufacturing operation which suffered from a shortage of orders, and Fibre Resin Developments, supplying parts to the television industry and motor car manufacturers.

Half year losses were about £500,000 and upwards of £1 million is likely for the full year. Unitech says the problems are being "addressed", and disposals cannot be ruled out.

Unitech has now built up three of its core manufacturing businesses, power supplies, component manufacturing and industrial controls, in the United States and coupled with the performance from Europe saw more than 50 per cent of profits coming from outside the United Kingdom.

The shares remain unexciting in the short term but assuming no further price degradation on semiconductors. Unitech continues to offer attractive prospects.

ML Holdings

ML Holdings increased pretax profits by 16 per cent, to £423,000, in the half year to the end of September. That was despite losses of around £100,000 in its foundry business, which sits with growing awkwardness in the group's range of interests. The interim dividend is being left unchanged at 2p.

The Northampton-based foundry, which makes piano frames, is now back on two shifts and should at least break even in the second half, but severe doubts persist about its future and ML has opened negotiations with several other foundry operators about better use of capacity.

After two difficult years, ML's railway signalling division is firing on all cylinders with an order book of around £5 million at home and twice as much abroad.

However, there is some uncertainty abut the future of the group's main business of weapon delivery systems.

Here ML's big contract, the JP233 airfield denial weapon, will build up to its full potential next year but there appears to be nothing obvious to replace it when it begin to decline several years thereafter.

The group is pinning considerable hope on its Sprite mini-helicopter but the potential for that has yet to be proved. Meanwhile the yield on the shares at 352p is 2.8 per cent.

Newman-Tonks

Newman-Tonks, the Midlands metal hardware manufacturer, increased its pre-tax profits in the year to October 31 by 46 per cent, on an annualized basis, to a record £4.1 million. Turnover rose 17.6 per cent. That is no mean achievement for a company making plumbers' hardware, door closures and brass knobs and knockers.

Recent acquisitions – Jeavons Engineering (in for twelve months against nine) and the US company, Monarch – made significant contributions. The only blot was Rothley Brass, reported to have lost several hundred thousand pounds. Cheap and poor quality Indian imports forced Rothley to cut prices and lose margin.

However, in the fight back Rothley has decided to go upmarket and maintain higher prices. Management has been changed, raw material supplies reorganized, and the company hopes for a break-even position this year.

Newman-Tonks sees little opportunity for expansion in Britain, so it is raising £5.34 million net by way of a two-for-seven rights issue to buy abroad.

The acquisitions are not expected to use up all the rights issue money, so gearing, which ended the year at 40 per cent, should still be down to 30 per cent after the acquisitions.

The shares rose 3p to 103p giving a 7.5 per cent yield on the 5.4p net total dividend, up 6 per cent.

Henry Wigfall

Investors could be forgiven for clutching their heads at the rubber logic of the stock market, after the audacious one-for-two £2.4 million rights issue from the Sheffield retailers, Henry Wigfall.

Wigfall, which runs about 100 shops and four superstores deep in the heart of the mining areas, has made losses at the pretax level totalling nearly £6.5 million since 1981. No ordinary dividend has been paid since that year, boards come and go with amazing frequency, the miners' strike alone should cost the group up to £400,000 for the year to the end of March. No ordinary dividend will be paid this year.

Yet, closer examination of the group's record and strategy suggests it has more than a fighting chance of survival. For holders who favour an element of risk in their portfolio, the rights ought to be taken up, especially since the conversion premium is so tiny.

The first date for converting into Wigfall equity is 1988 at an effective price of 135p – just 10p more than yesterday's closing price. And the structure of the issue looks fairly copper-bottomed. It has been underwritten, and comes in the shape of a 7 per cent convertible cumulative redeemable preference offering at par.

Investors should not forget Wigfall's popularity as a bid target. At the first sign of success, the predators should reappear. Last night 175p was mooted as an attractive take-out price.

Societies call off merger

By Richard Thomson

The merger between the Coventry and Heart of England building societies, announced a month ago, has been called off. The merger, planned to be completed in June, would have created the 16th or 17th largest society, with assets worth more than £900 million.

Mr Herbert Walden, chairman of the Building Societies Association and general manager of the Heart of England, said yesterday that the merger had turned out to be more complicated than at first thought. He added: "We concluded that we could use our time and resources better independently."

Mr Walden was to have been the deputy chairman of the combined society.

Mr Martin Richly, secretary of the Coventry, said that such mergers had to be announced before any detailed work on them could be done. Subsequent research had shown that a merger would take up too much of their societies' administrative resources.

Neither society ruled out the possibility of mergers with other societies in the future.

This is the only one of a number of building society mergers announced in recent months to have been called off. The largest building society merger ever, between the Leicester and Alliance, is still to be completed in June.

New hurdle for Bill on insolvency

By Philip Robinson

The Government faces further opposition to reforms proposed in the Insolvency Bill when it continues its committee stage in the Lords tomorrow.

Last night 24 amendments had been tabled on the particular schedule which allows the Government and local authority departments to remain at the head of the queue of creditors once a company has collapsed.

This preferential treatment of the Inland Revenue, Customs and Excise, local rating offices and the Department of Health and Social Security was sharply criticized while the Bill passed its early stages.

But the Government refused to reduce the privileges of its own departments in a collapse. As a compromise it said it intended to introduce legislation which would stop gas, electricity, water and telephone companies from jumping the queue. Those utilities had been using their monopoly power to cut off services if arrears went unpaid.

Opposition now centres on scaling down the amount government departments and local authorities may claim. It is argued that more of a balance should now be struck between the sums available to preferential creditors and those left for the unsecured.

Observers forecast a possible defeat for the Government on the issue. It would be its second defeat on this Bill within days.

Ziff raises Stylo stake to fight off British Land

By Judith Huntley

Sheppards and Chase, stockbroker to Stylo, the shoe company, said yesterday that it had bought another 1.38 million Stylo shares for Town Centre Securities as the deadline for British Land's tender offer in Stylo closed.

Town Centre Securities, the property company owned and controlled by Mr Arnold Ziff, who is also chariman of Stylo, has been used to fight off British Land's attempt to obtain a 50.9 per cent stake in Stylo, which would give it 29.9 per cent of the voting rights.

Over the past few days it is believed that more than 2 million shares habe been amassed by the Ziff family. Some of the large institutional shareholders have sold their stakes, fearing that the tender offer would fail and they would not realize the 185p cash price which British Land is offering.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	982.4(+14.1)
FT-A All Share	N/A)
FT Govt Securities	78.63(+0.36)
FT-SE 100	1289.1(+20.9)
Bargains: 24,606	
Datastream USM	$105.73(+0.61)
New York	
Dow Jones	1290.52(+0.44)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	11,823.43(−67.65)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1352.47(−10.75)
Amsterdam:	198.2(+3.0)
Sydney: AO	772.5(+5.6)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1135.4(−3.8)
Brussels:	
General	147.29(−1.68)
Paris: CAC	196.0(+0.9)
Zurich:	
SKA General	333.80(+1.40)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $301.75pm-$302.05
close $302.00-($271.25)
New York: $302.05
Comex (latest)

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Tootal Grp	15 +79
CIFER	16 +3
Newman Inds	22 +4
Riley Leisure	58 +9
Ault & Wiborg Grp	47 +7
Falcon Resources	514 +47
Burns-Anderson	55 +5
Petranol	225 +20
Walker & Homer	11½ +1
UEI	176 +14
Chloride Grp	38 +3
Unibond	155 +12
Town Centre Secs	43 +3
Microvitec	73 +5
David Dixon	148 +10
Pauls	365 +20
Western Select	45 +3
Fisons	298 +18
Booker McConnel	269 +14

FALLS:

Applied Botanics	3¼ −½
Espley Trust	13 −2
Burco Dean	14 −2
Radio City "A" n/v	43 −5
Nova (Jersey) Knit	27 −3
Grand Cen Inv	9 −1
Stylo	168 −17

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $301.75 (−0.0023)
£: DM 3.5845 (−0.0050)
£: SwFr 3.0460 (−0.0060)
£: FFr 10.9458 (+0.0108)
£: Yen 288.70 (−0.50)
£ Index: 71.4 (+0.1)

New York:
£: $1.1105
$: DM 3.2285
$ Index: 148.4 (+0.4)
ECU £0.621785
SDR £0.868189

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 14%
3-month Interbank 13⅞-13⅝
3-month eligible bills 13−12⅞ buying rate

US:
Prime Rate 10.50
Federal Funds 8¼
3-month Treasury Bills 8.15–8.11
Long bond 103³¹/₃₂-103²³/₃₂

WALL STREET

	Feb 4	Feb 1
AMF Inc	15⅞	15⅞
AMR	38¼	38¼
Allied Corp	38⅝	38¼
Allied Stores	51¾	51⅝
Allis Chalmers	8⅛	8⅛
Alcoa	38	37⅞
Amax Inc	18⅝	18⅝
Amerada Hess	26½	25¾
Am Brands	63⅞	63½
Am Broadcast	65⅝	64
Am Can	51¾	51⅝
Am Cyanamid	54¾	53⅝
Am Elec Power	21⅝	21⅛
Am Home	55⅝	55
Am Motors	4	4⅛
Am Nat Res	42¼	43⅝
Am Standard	33	34
Am Telephone	20⅞	20½
Armco Steel	10⅝	10⅝
Asarco	22¾	23
Ashland Oil	29⅝	28½
Atlntic Richfield	45½	45¼
Avco	49⅝	49⅝
Avon Products	22⅝	22½
Bankers Tst NY	64⅝	62⅝
Bankamerica	19⅝	19⅛
Bank of Boston	46¼	45¼
Bank of NY	38	37⅝
Beatrice Foods	29	28⅞
Bethlehem Steel	19⅝	18⅞
Boeing	63⅛	62¼
Boise Cascade	42⅝	42¼
Borden	64¼	64
Borg Warner	23½	24⅛
Bristol Myers	54⅞	54⅞
BP	24	23½
Burlington Ind	27⅞	27⅝
Burlington Nthn	56⅝	56
Burroughs	64	63
Campbell Soup	63⅞	62⅝
Canadian Pacific	43⅛	42¼
Caterpiller	33⅝	33⅝
Celanese	90	90⅞
Central Soya	19	19⅛
Champion	24⅝	24⅝
Chase Manhat	52¼	50⅝
Chem Bank NY	38⅛	37⅝
Chevron	33⅝	34⅛
Chrysler	33⅞	32⅞
Citicorp	43⅝	41⅝
Clark Equip	30⅛	30
Coca Cola	60⅞	59⅝
Colgate	24⅝	24⅞
CBS	75¼	74
Columbia Gas	32½	31⅞
Combustion Eng	34½	33⅝
Comwlth Edison	27⅝	27⅞
Cons Edison	29⅝	29⅝
Cons Foods	33⅝	32¾
Cons Power	6⅝	6⅝
Control Data	36⅛	36
Corning Glass	74⅞	74⅞
CPC Intl	38⅝	38⅞
Crane	34	34
Crocker Int	25⅛	25⅛
Crown Zeller	33⅞	33⅞
Dart & Kraft	87⅞	85⅝
Deere	32	32
Delta Air	43⅞	42½
Detroit Edison	15⅞	15⅛
Digital Equip	121⅞	119½
Disney	74	73½
Dow Chemical	29½	29⅛
Dresser Ind	21⅞	21
Duke Power	29¼	29⅛
Du Pont	53	52½
Eastern Air	4½	4⅝
Eastman Kodak	72⅝	71¾
Eaton Corp	59⅝	59⅝
Emerson Elect	75⅞	75⅛
Evans Prod	4⅝	5⅛

	Feb 4	Feb 1
Exxon Corp	47⅞	48⅝
Fed Dept Stores	54¼	54
Firestone	19⅛	18⅞
Fst Chicago	23⅝	23⅛
Fst Intrst Bncp	46⅝	45½
Fst Penn Corp	7⅛	7
Ford	48	47½
GAF Corp	28⅛	28
GTE Corp	43	42⅛
Gen Corp	38⅝	37⅝
Gen Dynamics	75⅝	76
Gen Electric	64	62⅞
Gen Foods	55⅝	55⅛
Gen Mills	56⅝	55⅛
Gen Motors	82⅝	82⅛
Gen Pub Util NY	12½	12
Genesco	6⅜	6½
Georgia Pacific	25⅞	25½
Gillette	55½	55⅛
Goodrich	29⅝	29⅝
Goodyear	28⅝	28⅝
Gould Inc	26⅛	25⅝
Grace	41⅞	41⅝
Gr Attc & Pacific	15½	15¼
Greyhound	26⅞	26⅝
Grumman Corp	28⅞	28⅝
Gulf & West	32	32
Heinz H. J.	43½	44
Hercules	36¼	36½
Honeywell	63	61½
IC Inds	34	33⅝
Ingersoll	47⅝	47⅛
Inland Steel	24⅛	24⅛
IBM	137¾	135¾
Int Harvester	10⅛	10⅝
INCO	14	14⅛
Int Paper	53⅞	54⅛
Int Tel Tel	30⅝	30⅝
Irving Bank	34⅝	34½
Jim Walter	35⅝	34⅝
Johnson & John	38	38¼
Kaiser Alumin	16⅛	15⅝
Kerr McGee	29⅝	29½
Kimberly Clark	47⅞	46⅞
K Mart	41⅛	40⅛
Kroger	39	38⅝
L.T.V. Corp	11⅞	11⅝
Litton	70⅝	70⅝
Lockheed	46⅝	45⅛
Lucky Stores	18⅝	18⅛
Manuf Hanover	38⅝	38⅝
Manville Cp	7⅛	6⅝
Mapco	28⅞	28⅝
Marine Midland	31⅞	32¼
Martin Marietta	49	48½
McDonnell	74⅝	74⅛
Mead	37⅞	37
Merck	97¼	95½
Minnesota Mng	86	83⅝
Mobil Oil	28½	28
Monsanto	45	44⅝
Morgan J. P	45	43⅛
Motorola	37½	36½
NCR Corp	29⅛	28⅝
NL Industries	11⅝	11⅞
Nabisco	52½	51½
Nat Distillers	25⅝	25⅞
Nat Med Ent	27⅝	27⅛
Norfolk South	65⅛	64⅛
NW Bancorp	26⅞	26⅝
Occidental Pet	28⅝	28⅛
Ogden	30⅝	29⅛
Olin Corp	33⅞	34
Owens-Illinois	40⅛	40⅛
Pacific Gas Elec	16⅞	16⅝
Pan Am	4½	4½
Penney J. C.	48½	48⅝
Pennzoil	44⅛	44⅞
Pepsico	43⅝	42⅝
Pfizer	40⅛	39⅛
Phelps Dodge	19⅛	19⅛

	Feb 4	Feb 1
Philip Morris	84⅝	83⅛
Phillips Petrol	47⅛	48
Polaroid	26⅞	25⅝
PPG Ind	38½	39⅝
Proctor Gamble	58⅝	55⅝
Pub Ser El & Gas	28⅝	28⅛
Raytheon	46⅛	46⅝
RCA Corp	38	37⅝
Reynolds Ind	76⅝	76
Reynolds Metal	39⅛	38⅞
Rockwell Int	35⅛	34⅞
Royal Dutch	53	52⅝
Safeways	28⅝	28⅛
SFE Sopac	29½	29⅝
SCM	46⅛	45⅝
Schlumberger	40	40⅛
Scott Paper	36⅛	35⅞
Seagram	40⅝	40⅛
Sears Roebuck	35⅝	35⅝
Shell Oil	55¼	55¼
Shell Trans	34⅛	33⅝
Signal Co	34⅞	34⅛
Singer	25⅛	35⅛
Smithkline Beck	59	58⅝
Sony	15⅝	15⅝
Sth Cal Edison	22⅝	22⅝
Sperry Corp	48⅝	48⅛
Std Oil Indiana	57⅝	57⅛
Std Oil Ohio	44⅞	44⅝
Sterling Drug	27⅝	27⅞
Stevens J. P.	18⅝	19⅝
Sun Comp	47⅝	47½
Teledyne	265⅝	269
Tenneco	39⅛	39⅝
Texaco	34⅞	34⅛
Texas East Corp	30⅛	29⅞
Texas Inst	128¾	128⅝
Texas Utilities	27	26⅞
Textron	38⅛	37½
TWA	33⅝	33
Travelers Corp	40⅝	40⅞
TRW Inc	78⅞	78
UAL Inc	46⅛	44⅞
Union Carbide	38	37⅝
Unocal	42⅞	40⅞
Un Pacific Corp	47½	46⅝
Uniroyal	15⅞	15⅞
United Brands	12⅛	12
US Steel	27⅞	27½
Utd Technol	42⅝	42¼
Wachovia	33½	33⅛
Warner Lambert	36⅞	36½
Wells Fargo	53¼	53
Westnghse Elec	31⅛	30⅝
Weyerhauser	32⅛	32
Whirlpool	46½	46⅝
Woolworth	42½	41⅝
Xerox Corp	43	42⅞
Zenith	23⅝	23⅝

CANADIAN PRICES

	Feb 4	Feb 1
Abitibi	34⅛	33½
Alcan Alumin	48	40
Algoma Steel	23	23⅛
Bell Telephone	37	36⅝
Can Pacific	57⅝	56½
Cominco	14⅛	13⅝
Cons Bathurst	17⅞	17⅝
Gulf Oil	18⅛	17⅞
Hawker/Sid Can	20½	20⅝
Hudson Bay Mn	7⅝	7⅝
Imasco	50⅞	51½
Imperial Oil	45⅝	45⅝
Int Pipe	34⅛	34⅛
Mass.-Fergsn	3.65	3.70
Royal Trustco	18⅛	18⅛
Seagram	53⅞	53⅛
Steel Co	23½	23⅛
Thomson N 'A'	53	53½
Walker Hiram	26⅞	26⅝
WCT	15⅝	15⅛

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. b Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Shares turn mixed

New York (AP-Dow Jones). – Shares were mixed after backing away from the higher opening levels early yesterday. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 0.66 at 1,289.42 points.

But advancing issues were still about 820-to-840 ahead of declines and trading was active.

Miss Trude Litimer, vice-president at Evans & Co, said that "we have yet to see a great gap opening for the market. Perhaps the elements are not in place for it. And the public's participation is not as responsive as earlier to recommendations".

The institutions generally "are not buying the same stocks today they were buying yesterday," she added. "But I do see increased interest in some of the second tier stocks that are less than household names."

Miss Latimer said these were "*still quality issues but they* have slightly lower profiles. And there is increased interest today in the gambling issues. All this shows the market is broadening out".

International Business Machines was up ⅛ at 137¾; General Motors down ⅜ at 82¼; General Electric down ½ at 63½; Exxon down ⅛ at 47¾; Teledyne down 3⅛ to 262¼; Texas Instruments down 2¾ to 125¾; Delta Airlines up ⅞ at 44¾.

Chicago Milwaukee delayed in opening because of an order imbalance carries an indication *of 185 to 195 compared with its* close of 198¾.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Mar 85	87.15	87.47	87.11	87.40	2098
Jun 85	88.21	88.35	88.20	88.25	118
Sep 85	88.65	88.63	88.65	88.62	12
Dec 85	NT			89.05	
Mar 86	NT			89.10	
Previous day's total open interest 5701					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Mar 85	90.92	90.97	90.89	90.90	3324
Jun 85	90.44	90.48	90.37	90.38	1381
Sep 85	89.90	89.95	89.87	89.84	97
Dec 85	89.50	89.56	89.42	89.40	68
Mar 86				89.05	
Previous day's total open interest 13726					
US Treasury Bond					
Mar 85	72-18	72-25	72-16	72-19	1264
Jun 85	NT			71-18	
Sep 85	NT				
Dec 85	NT				
Previous day's total open interest 2148					
Long Gilt					
Mar 85	102-31	103-30	102-31	103-25	2883
Jun 85	103-15	103-15	103-15	103-25	10
Sep 85	NT			107-07	0
Dec 85	NT			105-30	0
Mar 86	NT			106-19	0
Previous day's total open interest 5908					
FT-SE 100					
Mar 85	127.60	128.45	127.35	127.35	482
Jun 85	127.80	128.25	127.80	128.65	21
Mar 86	NT			129.00	0
Previous day's total open interest 1265					

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER	
Mar	660–620
Apr	670–30
May	680–640
Jun	690–50
Jul	700–660
Aug	710–670
Sep	720–680
Oct	730–690
Apr/Jun	680–640
Jul/Sep	710–670
Oct/Dec	740–700
Vol	Nil
SUGAR	
Mar	120.6–20.4
May	128.6–28.4
Aug	137.0–36.8
Oct	144.4–44.2
Dec	151.8–50.6
Mar	166.0–64.8
May	172.0–71.4
Vol	1706
COCOA	
Mar	2225–23
May	2244–40
Jly	220–18
Sep	2197–92
Dec	2048–46
Mar	2035–28
May	2025–10
Vol	1018/7926
COFFEE	
Mar	2394–90
May	2414–12
Jly	2428–26
Sep	2435–30
Nov	2446–45
Jan	2444–40
May	2436–32
Vol	284/1998
GAS OIL	
Feb	23050–3825
Mar	22275–2250
Apr	21700–1575
May	21575–1550
Mar	21450–1425
Jly	21400–1200
Aug	21800–1000
Sep	22100–1000
Oct	22400–1000
Vol	1588

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices: Official turnover figures
Prices in pounds per metric ton. Silver in pence per troy ounce.
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	1269.00–1270.00
Three months	1287.00–1288.00
T/O	10550
Tone	firmer
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	1266.00–1268.00
Three months	1281.00–1284.00
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	9975.00–9985.00
Three months	9931–9932
T/O	285
Tone	Steady
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	9990.00–9995.00
Three months	9961.00–9965.00
T/O	105
Tone	Steady
LEAD	
Cash	347.00–348.00
Three months	349.00–350.00
T/O	4925
Tone	Steadier
ZINC STANDARD	
Cash	762.00–763.00
Three months	759.50–760.00
T/O	3875
Tone	Steady
ZINC HIGH GRADE	
Cash	780.00–790.00
Three months	790.00–795.00
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle
SILVER LARGE	
Cash	553.0–554.0
Three months	571.0–572.0
T/O	68
Tone	Quiet
SILVER SMALL	
Cash	553.00–554.00
Three months	571.0–572.0
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	993.00–994.00
Three months	1026.00–1208.50
T/O	4875
Tone	Barely steady
NICKEL	
Cash	4570.00–4580.00
Three months	4585.00–4590.00
T/O	414
Tone	Easy

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● WESTERN SELECTION: The chairman told the annual meeting yesterday that Duratube had made a satisfying start to its current year, the turnover was substantially ahead of the comparable period last year and the business was being done at improved profit margins.

● BANK LEUMI UK: Dividend 7.00p (same) or scription making 10.15p (same) for 1984. Profit after tax and transfer to inner reserves year to December 31, 1984. (Figures in £000) 820 (714). Retained 345 (257). The year 1984 has been another year of significant growth for the bank.

APPOINTMENTS

Cargo Superintendents (London): Mr Peter Bingham has been made managing director.

Burston-Marsteller: Miss Sheila Tate becomes senior vice-president in the Washington office next month.

Welbeck Leasing Services: Mr Graham Moss has been appointed director, operations (designate) with effect from February 25.

Grant & Partners: Mr Ian Stewart has been made an associate partner in the Industrial Agency Department.

Arthur Young: Mr Gordon Howe is now executive chairman in Europe.

Walter Alexander: Mr Brian Thompson has joined the board.

Imperial Retail Shops: Mr Chris Montagnon has been made managing director.

London Metal Exchange Committee: Mr E. J. Jordan has become chairman and Mr M. Frankel has been made vice-chairman.

Lewis's: Mr R. J. Brown has been made assistant managing director.

Reed Stenhouse Investment Services: Mr Raymond Henley has been appointed an investment director.

Commercial Bank of Kuwait: Mr Denis Nolan is the new assistant general manager – Treasury.

Natwest Bank: Mr Geoff Bonner has been made chief manager of the bank's Access department and succeeds Mr David Collis.

National Westminster Bank: Mr John Burns is now deputy manager of the bank's Business Development Division.

Clark Industries: Mr Pat Lithgow has been appointed managing director of water treatment equipment manufacturers.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
171	119	Aberdeen	171	+2	7.5	4.4	..
86	56	Alisa	86	● +1	2.0b	2.1	..
640	438	Alliance	640	+5	20.7	3.2	
141	88½	Amer	141	+2	3.6	2.6	
288	218	Ang Amer Sec	288	+4	7.8	2.7	
420	310	Ashdown	420	+6	11.7	2.8	
105	75	Atlantic Assets	105	+2	0.7	0.7	
94	67	Bankers	94	● +1	3.5b	3.7	
183	130	Berry	183	+1	1.4	0.8	
166	117	Border & Sthrn	166	+2	4.7	2.8	
104	79	Br Amer Gen	104	+1	3.7	3.6	
207	140½	Br Assets	207	● +3	9.7b	4.7	
30½	20½	Br Empire Sec	29½	..	1.3	4.4	
343	261	British Inv	338	..	18.3b	5.4	
73	55	Brunner	73	+1	2.8	3.9	
79	60	Charter Agency	79	+1	3.1b	3.9	
810	418	Continental	810	● +24	25.7b	4.2	..
178	125	Crescent Japan	160	+1	1.1	0.7	..
400	278	Delta	400	..			
108	80	Derby Inc	101	● ..	10.2	10.1	
104	80	Do Cap	99	..			
287	241	Drayton Cons	286	+4	12.7	4.4	
148	98	Drayton Far East	144	–1	1.2	0.8	
410	292	Drayton Japan	400	..	1.4	0.4	
390	295	Drayton Premier	395	+2	16.4	4.1	
170	140	Dundee Lon	166	+1	6.7	4.0	
218	148	Edin Amer Asset	218	+6	1.3	0.6	
110	87	Edinburgh	109½	+1½	3.7	3.4	
278	210	Electric Gen	274	● +1	4.8b	1.7	
244	192	English Int	243	+1	9.6b	4.0	
77	52	English Scot	77	+1	1.6b	2.1	
97	69	English NY	97	..	3.3	3.4	
92	69	F & C Alliance	91	+1	2.4	2.6	
167	117	F&C Pacific	154	–1	5.0b	3.2	
204	162	Family	200	..	9.4	4.7	
265	194	First Scot Amer	257	+1	8.6b	3.3	
245	160	First Un Gen	170	● ..	8.7	5.1	
550	342	Fleming American	542	..	6.1	1.1	
260	165	Fleming Claver	257	● +8	12.4	4.8	
258	180	Fleming Enterprise	258	..	11.1	4.4	
316	228	Fleming Far East	314	+6	2.9	0.9	
108	83	Fleming Fledgling	104	+2	3.6	3.4	
558	390	Fleming Japan	540	..	4.3	0.8	
117	80	Fleming Mercantile	114	+2	4.0	3.5	
126	82	Fleming Overseas	124	● +3	3.3b	2.7	
159	119½	Fleming Tech	156	● +1	3.1	2.0	
315	215	*Fleming Universal*	315	+3	9.8	3.1	
142	98	For Col	142	+3	3.6	2.6	
181	120	GT Japan	171	–1	2.0b	1.2	
590	433	General Funds	580	+2	12.8	2.2	
253	184	General Cons	252	+2	13.1	5.2	
117	77	Glasgow Stock	116	+1	2.6	2.3	
268	197	Globe	268	● +5	12.9	4.8	

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
215	176	Greenfriar	212	+1	2.3	1.1	
275	187½	Gresham House	265	–8	5.7	2.2	
159	114	Hambros	150	+1	5.4	3.6	
247	187	Hill (P)	244	+2	13.2	5.4	
525	390	Invest-in Success	520	..	7.6	1.5	
227	182	Inv Cap	226	+1	5.1	2.3	
64½	43	Japan Assets	58½	a ..	0.1	0.1	
304	215	Lake View	298	+1	6.4	2.1	
178	130	Law Debenture	174	+1	7.1b	4.1	
83	64	Lon Merchant Sec	72	● +3	2.8	3.9	
100	71	Lon Trust	97	..	3.9	4.1	
95	70	Merchants	93	+1	4.0b	4.3	
167	121	Monks	164	+3	3.4b	2.1	
114	85	Murray Income	114	+2	6.4	5.6	
93	67	Murray Growth	93	+2	2.0	2.2	
125	88	Murray Intl	125	+6	4.3	3.4	
182	122	Murray Small	180	+2	3.3	1.8	
284	225	Murray Ventura	281	+4	6.3	2.2	
393	303	New Court	380	..	20.4	5.4	
73	58	New Darien Oil	72	+1	0.4e	0.5	
177	138	1928	169	–1	7.9	4.7	
45	34	Nethrog Inc 63	37½	..	3.3b	8.6	
378	258	New Tokyo	353	–1	2.1	0.6	
305	222	Nth Atlantic Sec	304	+4	4.8	1.5	
138	105	Nth Sea Assets	111	+1	0.7	0.6	
269	203	Nthn Amer	265	+2	7.7	2.9	
137	97	Outwich	133	+1	4.1	3.1	
37	24	Personal Assets	37	..	0.6	1.5	
324	243	Raeburn	318	● +1	13.6	4.3	
132	93	River & Merc	130	+1	6.4	4.9	
207	156	River Plate	207	+1	9.3b	4.5	
188	136	Robeco	184	..			
170	122	Rolinco	167	..			
254	185	Romney	254	+4	6.3	2.5	
11⅞	9⅛	Rorento	£10⅞	..			
308	237	St Andrews	305	–3	11.0	3.6	
265	191	Scottish	260	● +4	7.4	2.8	
228	174	Scot American	218	+3	7.2	3.3	
158	117	Scot Eastern	156	+2	5.0	3.2	
385	270	Scot Mtge	385	+4	9.7b	2.5	
229	166	Scot Nat	228	+3	6.1	2.7	
129	82½	Scot Nthn	125	+1	4.7	3.7	
378	285	Scot Merc 'A'	378	..	11.0	2.9	
558	384	Secnd Alliance	558	+4	17.9	3.2	
119	84	Sec Of Scotland	117	+2	5.3b	4.5	
71	51	Smaller Cos	71	+1	2.2	3.1	
38	32	Stewart Enterp	32	–1	0.6	1.8	
139	93	Stockholders	138	+5	3.4	2.4	
111	75	Tr Australia	97	+1	2.8	2.9	
84	59	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	81	● +1	4.4b	5.5	

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
150	121	Tr Ind & Gen	158	+3	4.8b	3.2	
260	201	Tr Natural Res	249	–1	10.7	4.3	
207	130	Tr North America	207	+5	4.8b	2.3	
288	182	Tr Pacific Basin	287	+1	2.9b	1.0	
140	107	Tr Property	137	+3	4.7	3.4	
98	69	Tr Tech	98	+2	2.4	2.4	
133	98	Tr Trustees	132	+2	4.9	3.7	
118	85	Temple Bar	117	+1	6.2b	5.2	
232	180	Throgmorton	232	+4	10.7	4.6	
273	211	Throg Secured Cap	258	..			
159	123	Trans Oceanic	157	● +3	4.8	2.9	
117	89	Tribune	117	+1	2.8	2.4	
81	67½	Triplevest Inc	77½	..	12.4	16.1	
206	153	US Debenture	205	+3	9.2	4.5	
85	75	Viking Resource	78	+2	1.3	2.0	
75	53	Westpool	68	●	2.0	2.9	
68	50	Westbourne Energy	65½	● +½	1.2b	1.9	
154	105½	Witan	152	+1	3.8	2.5	
276	207	Yeoman	272	+1	11.7	4.3	

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
590	345	Akroyd & Smithers	385	●	23.6	6.1	14.9
38¼	18⅛	American Express	238⅝	a ● +1½			
28	16	Argyle	21	+1	0.7	3.4	25.9
105	64	Boustead	65	..			
115	69	Britannia Arrow	103	+2	3.3	3.2	21.2
113	77	CJR Pacific	108	–1			
44	23	Do Warrants	39	+1			
11⅞	6⅞	Daily Mail	211⅞	● +½	55.0	4.8	12.2
11⅞	6⅞	Do 'A'	211⅞	● +¾	55.0	4.8	12.2
120	89	Electra	120	+2	5.1	4.2	32.0
148	80	Eng Assoc	98	+2	4.3b	4.4	13.9
668	383	Exco	668	+10	11.8	1.8	25.3
77	53	Exploration	75	+2	4.5	6.0	12.2
12½	9	First Charlotte	10	..	0.1	0.7	90.9
676	670	Framlington	775	..	12.9	1.7	18.9
108	74	Frost (J & D)	74	–2	4.8	6.4	11.0
59	42	Goode (D & M)	51	–1	1.8	3.5	8.4
650	357	Henderson Admin	643	+3	15.7	2.4	18.6
813	590	M & G	813	+8	35.7	4.4	15.1
418	215	Martin (RP)	395	+20	17.9	4.6	9.8
457	247	Mercantile House	364	● +20	17.5	4.8	9.3
415	255	Mills & Allen	369	+5	20.0	5.8	11.1
123	70	Smith Brothers	108		7.9	7.3	4.6
235	178	Yule Catto	227		7.9	3.6	10.1

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Rates were on a see-saw throughout the day, reflecting the flow of base rate cut possibilities. Views were still mixed at the close about the chance of an early reduction from the present 14 per cent base rate level, though the case for an immediate cut had been undermined by an unimpressive performance by sterling and a rising level of lending by the clearing banks.

Rates rose sharply at first, retreated, then edged firmer again towards the finish.

On balance, there was little change, though the long end of the market still looked optimistic, while the short end felt the pull of tight money conditions.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 14
Finance House 10½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight: High 14 Low 13½
Week fixed: 13⅞-13¾

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	13¼	2 months	13
3 months	13	3 months	12¾

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 month	13⅞-13½	2 months	13¼-13
3 months	13-12⅞	6 months	12-11⅞

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 month	14⅛	2 months	13⅞
3 months	13⅝	6 months	12⅝

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 14¼-14 close 14

1 week	14¼-13⅞	6 months	12[13/16]-12[11/16]
1 month	13[15/16]-13[11/16]	9 months	12½-12⅜
3 months	13⅝-13[9/16]	12 months	12[5/16]-12[3/16]

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	13⅞	7 days	13⅞
1 month	13⅝	3 months	13¼
6 months	12[11/16]	12 months	12[5/16]

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 month	14¼-13⅝	2 months	13⅞-12⅝
3 months	13½-13	6 months	12⅝-12
9 months	12½-12	12 months	12⅝-12

Sterling CDs (%)

1 month	13[11/16]-13[9/16]	3 months	13⅜-13[5/16]
6 months	12⅞-12¾	12 months	11⅞-11⅝

Dollar CDs (%)

1 month	8.60-8.50	3 months	8.65-8.55
6 months	8.85-8.75	12 months	9.25-9.15

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	8⅝-8⅜
7 days	8⅝-8⅜	1 month	8⅝-8½
3 months	8⅞-8¾	6 months	9⅛-9
Deutschmark		call	5⅞-4⅞
7 days	5⅞-6	1 month	5⅞-5¾
3 months	6⅛-6	6 months	6⅛-6
French Franc		call	11-10
7 days	10⅝-10⅛	1 month	10⅝-10⅜
3 months	11⅛-11	6 months	11⅛-11
Swiss Franc		call	3-2
7 days	3⅛-3¼	1 month	5⅛-5
3 months	5⅛-5	6 months	5⅛-5
Yen		call	6⅛-5⅞
7 days	6⅛-6	1 month	6⅛-6
3 months	6⅛-6	6 months	6⅛-6

GOLD
Krugerrand* (per coin): $311-312.50 (£279.25-280.75)
Sovereigns* (new): $71-72 (£63.75-64.75)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD
Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period January, 1985, to 5 February, 1985, inclusive: 11.840 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The dollar surged further on foreign exchanges, reaching Dm 3.2255 against the mark by the close – a 145 point gain on the overnight level.

The rates of the last two days were previously seen 12 years ago. Dealers said that trading was steady for most of the day, with the American currency testing the Dm 3.2200, but not breaching it in London until the afternoon session.

In the absence of any apparent concerted central bank intervention, the dollar appeared unstoppable, but paused at the closing level as some minor profit-taking set in.

The pound traded within a narrow range from $1.1100 to $1.1135.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range February 5	Market rates close February 5	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.1100-1.1153	$1.1110-1.1120	0.44-0.41c prem	1.16-1.12c prem
Montreal	$1.4810-1.4851	$1.4817-1.4842	0.46-0.42c prem	1.20-1.14c prem
Amsterdam	4.0446-4.0614fl	4.0544-4.0614fl	2½-2½c prem	7-6½c prem
Brussels	71.48-71.75f	71.59-71.71f	19-14c prem	47-38c prem
Copenhagen	12.7679-12.8055k	12.7880-12.8051k	2⅛-1⅝ore prem	5⅝-4⅝ore prem
Dublin	1.1488-1.1534p	1.1514-1.1524p	par-18p disc	13-44p disc
Frankfurt	3.5713-3.5875m	3.5820-3.5874m	2¼-2pf prem	6⅝-6pf prem
Lisbon	197.65-201.50e	197.67-201.18e	195-640e disc	510-1416e disc
Madrid	197.35-198.00p	197.39-197.79p	25-14p prem	34-10p prem
Milan	2194.54-2204.14lr	2196.61-2204.14lr	par-3lr disc	7-12lr disc
Oslo	10.3110-10.3400k	10.3198-10.3397k	1⅝-½ore prem	3⅛-2⅞ore prem
Paris	10.9090-10.9570f	10.9358-10.9568f	3-2½c prem	6⅝-5⅞c prem
Stockholm	10.1761-10.2095k	10.1888-10.2091k	par-½ore disc	1-1¼ore disc
Tokyo	287.86-289.40y	288.53-288.90y	1⅛-1⅛y prem	5-4⅛y prem
Vienna	25.10-25.25sch	25.17-25.21sch	14⅝-13⅛gro prem	39⅝-36⅝gro prem
Zurich	3.0380-3.0585f	3.0436-3.0480f	2⅛-1⅝c prem	6⅛-5⅝c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up 0.1 at 71.4 (day's range 71.5-71.4).

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	0.9655-0.9670
Singapore	2.2400-2.2415
Malaysia	2.5315-2.5335
Australia	0.7793-0.7803
Canada	1.3347-1.3352
Sweden	9.1650-9.1850
Norway	9.28-9.29
Denmark	11.5000-11.5020
West Germany	3.2270-3.2285
Switzerland	2.7410-2.7430
Netherlands	3.6505-3.6520
France	9.8525-9.8625
Japan	259.70-259.85
Italy	1979-1982
Belgium(Comm)	64.50-64.55
Hong Kong	7.8090-7.8105
Portugal	177-182
Spain	177.60-177.75
Austria	22.58-22.60

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina peso*	251.83-252.26
Australia dollar	1.4225-1.4257
Bahrain dinar	0.4185-0.4205
Brazil cruzeiro*	3962.53-3986.62
Cyprus pound	0.7280-0.7380
Finland marka	7.4660-7.4850
Greece drachma	144.65-146.65
Hong Kong dollar	8.6679-8.6775
India rupee	14.10-14.30
Iraq dinar	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.3390-0.3430
Malaysia dollar	2.8089-2.8148
Mexico peso	245-270
New Zealand dollar	2.3985-2.4072
Saudi Arabia riyal	3.9595-3.9995
Singapore dollar	2.4884-2.4904
South Africa rand	2.2424-2.2480
United Arab Emirates dirham	4.0550-4.0965

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

AUTHORIZED UNIT TRUSTS

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

TI Group shares slump on profit worries

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

T I Group took a battering in late trading yesterday, the share price slumping by 18p to 204p. W Greenwell, the stockbroker, is telling clients that it expects little or no profit growth from the engineering group in the next results.

The market took this seriously, not least because Greenwell is among the list of brokers to T I, and is therefore considered to have a close understanding with the company. The Greenwell circular is reckoned to point to T I Raleigh as a source of problems; the toys and cycles division has long been thought to be suffering.

The City now expects not only static profits at the next announcement, due in mid-March, but also fears an unhappy 1985 for the cycles divisions, and consequently for the group.

Quilter, Goodison, the stockbroker, has long been bearish of T I shares, largely for this very reason. Though unsurprised that Greenwell has joined in the profit downgradings, Mr Matthew Windridge, analyst at Quilter, says: "We believe a statement should be made immediately to tell us just how badly Raleigh has done".

Vickers, the maker of Rolls-Royce motor cars, was also the object of concern in some quarters. The car company only increased sales to the US by 37 vehicles last year – selling a total of 1,083 against 1,046 in 1983.

A spokesman for Vickers said this was in line with the group's targets. "We switched the bias of production for the end of last year to the UK and Europe, partly because that's a quiet time for the US market. We had trouble with oversupply a couple of years ago, but now we reckon we have supply and demand in balance".

His words of comfort, however, do little for those who expected a sales boom from Rolls-Royce, such as has been seen from other specialist car makers in the highly favourable trading atmosphere of 1984. Nevertheless, Vickers's share managed a 4p rise to 228p yesterday, recovering part of Monday's 9p loss.

Shares continued their recent roller coaster performance – recovering from Monday's jittery downturn.

The *FT* 30-share index closed at its best level of the day, 14.1 points higher at 982.4 points. The more broadly based *FT-SE* index finished just a whisker from its best level, up 20.9 points at 1,289.1 points.

Interest rates again dominated sentiment. Although optimism over an early cut dimmed after the money supply figures, a relatively firm performance by sterling kept interest bubbling.

With American investors continuing to chase British shares, the market, barring unexpected hitches, could be set for a cheerful run. There is often an acute shortage of stock and lines which come on offer are quickly absorbed.

Imperial Chemical Industries surged to a peak of 864p before closing a shade off its best level with a 23p gain.

Another to hit a new high was the Imperial Group, the drinks and tobacco group. The shares climbed 14p to 210p at one time before closing at 206p. Results for the year are due soon and the market is looking for about £225 million.

However, it is the possibility that the figures will be accompanied by an announcement that Imps has sold its American Howard Johnson offshoot which is creating the excitement. Ho-Jo has been a bitter disappointment to Imps and it is thought that a number of offers are now being considered, including a management buy out.

Thorn EMI, the electronics to showbusiness group which has been short of investment friends, put on 15p to 442p, ahead of an investment presentation next week from Rowe and Pitman, the stockbroker.

Pilkington Brothers was up 15p – to 303p. This advanced from an upgraded profits forecast, apparently from Cazenove, the stockbroker.

Shares in Rowntree Mackintosh moved sharply higher late yesterday as market men heard the "son of Rowntree bid rumour". Takeover tales have chased the chocolate makers' share price for the past year, but faded somewhat last month when Rowe & Pitman placed close on five million shares with institutions. The stake apparently came from Swiss bank nominee accounts. But yesterday afternoon the City braced itself for a dawn raid today, and Rowntree shares rose 15p to 363p.

Leading City oil analysts are due to attend today's investment presentation by Falcon Resources, the "darling" of the oil stocks after its Colorado find. The shares, which touched 514p yesterday, were 85p in July. Possibly now a better bet for US oil riches, however, is Great Western Resources. It came to market at 160p last summer and is now 250p.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Access Satellite Int 5p Ord (150a)	202+2
Bennett & Fountain 10p Ord (10a)	12½
CVD Inc Com Stock $0.01 (105a)	188
Candover Inv 25p Ord (160)	205
Cons Tem Inv 20p Ord (105a)	105–2
GBC Capital Com Shares NPV	107
Gabicci 5p Ord (78a)	84+4
Instem 10p Ord (145a)	215
Kingsley & Forester 20p Ord (82)	65
Klark-Teknik 5p Ord (85a)	130
Optometrics (U.S.A.) 1c par value (55pa)	49
PSM Int 25p (140)	152
Penny & Giles 25p Ord (130a)	160+5
Process Systems Com Stk ($0.025)	88
Spafax Television 25p Ord (88a)	83–1
Synapse Comp Serv 5p Ord (174a)	220–5
Wardle Storeys 10p (132)	218–1
Whitworth's Food 5p Ord (95a)	120
Williams (R) Leisure 5p Ord (20a)	25+½

Issue price in parentheses. a Unlisted Securities. * by tender.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	14%
Adam & Company	14%
Barclays	14%
BCCI	14%
Citibank Savings	†12½%
Consolidated Crds	14%
Continental Trust	14%
C. Hoare & Co	*14%
Lloyds Bank	14%
Midland Bank	14%
Nat Westminster	14%
TSB	14%
Williams & Glyn's	14%
Citibank NA	14%

† Mortgage Base Rate.
* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 11½%, £10,000 up to £50,000, 12%, £50,000 and over, 12¼%.

Traded option highlights

Business livened up on the London traded options market yesterday, with the total number of contracts dealt in almost doubling from Monday's low level. A total of 9,213 contracts changed hands.

British Telecom returned to the active list, with 1,4886 calls against 674 puts traded. Elsewhere, only Imperial Group came close to the four-figure mark; 935 calls and 61 puts were bought and sold. Racal was another interesting feature as 465 put options and just 158 calls were traded.

The new writing on the City walls

Yesterdays conference to examine 'New Rules in a Changing Securities Market', organized by *The Times* and accountants Peat Marwick, brought together a wide variety of speakers – from whose contributions we publish extracts below. As the City changes, contributors argued, so will its responsibilities to the investing public. Potential conflicts of interests will arise but effective self regulation should allow the City to counter these and establish a more efficient securities market.

THE TIMES

PEAT MARWICK

Regulation: barriers come down

RICHARD LLOYD
HILL SAMUEL

The changes going on in the City inevitable. Those who disagree seem to think that those of us whose firms are restructuring to meet the challenge of "Big Bang" are in effect not responding to the Revolution but causing it: that it is we who are forcing the end of the virtuous regime of single capacity and, at worst, conglomeratizing merely for the sake of it, and for the size, the profitability, and the power which may (or may not) be its concomitants.

I know that the Stock Exchange itself sincerely held the conviction that the regime of fixed minimum commissions provided the only framework all else being equal, of sufficient certainty, for purposes of profitability, and of sufficient inducement, for purposes of discipline, to enable a strong central market to be maintained.

Without separation of capacity and without the system of reasonably sure reward to keep it separate the disintegrating forces let loose by isolated and individual dealing, some outside the stock market, would ultimately destroy the unified central stock market on the six UK and Dublin floors.

Such forces would undermine the strongly disciplinary function of the Stock Exchange as a respected self-regulatory organization.

While this might have been a perfectly respectable and logical argument, it was not, in the political climate of consumerism of the 1970s and 1980s, an inviolable defence. Fixed minimum commissions are, when all is said and done, a restrictive practice. The chairman of the Stock Exchange himself is on record: "To regulate the market you have to have voluntary agreements and voluntary agreements are by their very nature restrictive practices."

Maybe it was a growing realization of the likely outcome of the court case, especially of the degree of reliability of the City's support, which influenced Sir Nicholas Goodison to come to his accommodation with Mr Cecil Parkinson in July 1983.

Once their accord was made – my second argument – the ending of single capacity was inevitable. "The Link" argument may not have been sufficiently well defended, but it was correctly based in that it showed how fixed minimum commissions supported and were a *sine qua non* for continued separation of capacity.

Lastly there is an international dimension to the securities industry which makes any strong set of restrictive practices incompatible with sustained competitiveness.

To keep our place in the race for turnover, and exploit the unique virtue of our time zone, we would anyway have needed sooner or later to offer negotiated commissions so as to attract business to London and to bring more capital to market-making than is available among the shrinking band of jobbers.

That there is much to play for is shown by the fact that we claimed at the end of September 1984 a world share of 6.9 per cent of all quoted equities; the Japanese had 17.9 per cent and the Americans 52.9 per cent.

Keeping the agency function of brokers separate from that of jobbers has led to the separation of a third capacity, principally undertaken by the leading merchant banks, that of underwriting.

It will be natural for some brokers, from "Big Bang" onwards, to want to capitalize themselves so as to seek to make profits by market-making in stocks of their choice. But, interestingly, such capitalization will also make it possible for them to lead underwrite, and thus, for their client companies, to originate securities which they already are experts at distributing. It is this potential threat to the role of originator or underwriter that has given the leading merchant banks an overwhelming motive to become engaged to brokers and jobbers.

It is not a Machiavellian desire for bigness or for conglomerateness which leads to such combinations of function, but rather a natural response to the breaking down of separation of capacities hitherto kept apart by Stock Exchange Rules, and the effect of those rules on brokers' capital.

The best industrial analogy I can find is the brewing industry where I believe that only Arthur Guinness and Ruddles still choose to distribute their stout and beer without owning their outlets.

In this aggressive and singularly uncosy environment some of our integrated investment banks should be strong enough in capital and management terms to go tripolar and operate in all three main financial markets.

In London they will also have the unique advantage of Greenwich meantime, straddling the sleeping and waking of the other two main markets and in my view at least vying with them, sometimes outdoing them, in the quality of telecommunications, information support systems, available legal advice and security printing. London should at last become the acknowledged focal point of Europe's capital markets for Continental investors and dealers.

Finally, to say that the City revolution is misconceived because it will bring the need for yet more Chinese walls – and it will – is to ignore the realities of the way in which commercial self-interest works.

The most effective neutralizers of their own conflicts and guardians of the best advantage of the client will be the practitioner firms themselves. It is inconceivable that their advice would ever be sought or continuous dealing ever be done through them if they could not demonstrate complete impartiality between their functions.

Except for fly-by-nights, self interest demands Chinese Walls, and in my experience, ensures them.

Rule book: change of practice

MICHAEL SAYERS
NORTON ROSE

One wonders whether the new procedures under the new Yellow Book will not get bogged down. Busy practitioners have not only got to produce more and longer documents than hitherto, in language which for the time being at least is somewhat unfamiliar, but have got to submit them to the Stock Exchange quotations department in draft.

One can foresee, for instance, a tug of war between the brokers (at all events when they are not acting as sponsors or managers of an issue), the merchant bankers and the lawyers as to who should have the privilege of marking documents up and I have a nasty suspicion that the brokers will win. One can almost hear them already saying "what do we know about legal documents?"

Moreover, whether the quotations department, even after its recent enlargement, will have sufficient numbers of readers to cope reasonably expeditously, not only with listing particulars but also with all their other work, including USM work, remains to be seen. One can only hope that they will – in all events once things settle down and practitioners become adept in preparing new-form documents which comply with the new rules.

However, it is the listing particulars themselves which in my belief are likely to effect the greatest changes in listed company practice. What the City has always prided itself on is speed and flexibility and I have little doubt that it will look for new practices which, to the greatest possible extent, preserve speed and flexibility.

I do not believe that flotations are going to be much affected. True, offers for sale and placing or introduction particulars will be worded (and possibly their contents will be arranged) somewhat differently than in the past; but there is no reason to believe that they will take longer to prepare.

By contrast, companies proposing to cross the 10 per cent threshold and unable to point to a document published within the preceding 12 months containing equivalent information will not be able to move as rapidly in the past on transactions such as rights issues or major acquisitions (whether by takeover offer of by private contract) – at all events not unless they have organised themselves appropriately in advance.

Although it is true that an acquired company is not to be treated as a member of the listed company's group "unless it has become a member of the group by the timne the listing particulars are published", nevertheless the information required to be contained in the listing particulars, which would have to be published when an offer document is despatched, "must, whenever possible, relate to the issuer's group and the other company and its subsidiaries on a combined basis". And, even without the inclusion of information about the other company, listing particulars, if required, "will normally be required to be published at the time of despatch of the offer document."

I can therefore foresee that a practice may well develop of listed companies (in all events substantial listed companies) keeping pro-forma listing particulars "on the stocks" and regularly updated, so that they would be available as and when needed. This task could well be carried out by internal accountants and lawyers, even though external professional advisers might have prepared the original draft.

By the same token, if pro-forma listing particulars were to become the practice they would inevitably have an influence on the format of listed companies' public documents (other than on an initial listing). If pro-forma listing particulars are in being, then the convenient course might well be to treat them as an appendix to the operative part of the document or, for takeovers, as a separate enclosure.

USM: effects of 'big bang'

MARTIN GIBBS
PHILLIPS & DREW

The Unlisted Securities Market has been only indirectly affected by the recent changes in the Stock Exchange's "Yellow Book" which introduced the new EEC legislation. USM companies, for instance, will not have to produce "listing particulars" whenever they increase their capital by 10 per cent or more, other than for scrip issues. The gap in the requirements for the two tiers of market has, therefore, been increased somewhat. I doubt whether many fully listed companies will apply to be demoted to the USM in consequence but new companies coming to the market may tend to favour the USM more than hitherto.

New Green Book: The USM requirements are laid down in the Stock Exchange's "Green Book". It is possible that this book will be revised in due course, but I do not believe that the Stock Exchange is planning significant changes in the near future. It is worth remembering that there is another draft European Directive in the background, which applies to issues of shares not listed on a stock exchange. If this was implemented in Britain it would no doubt necessitate changes in the Green Book, but I understand that the proposals have in fact been shelved.

Business Expansion Scheme ("BES"): There was some doubt when this new scheme came out whether it would apply to USM companies. In fact the decision was that they should be excluded. I know the Stock Exchange has been pressing ever since for a reversal of this decision and I believe they should continue to do so. It seems extremely unfair to me that BES tax relief should be given to companies whose shares are traded in the over-the-counter market, but not to those traded in the junior market operated under the umbrella of the Stock Exchange.

Third-tier market: There have been suggestions that the Stock Exchange has been considering the introduction of a third-tier market with lower standards than the USM. The spur for these thoughts has, no doubt been the threat of competition from the OTC. I believe, however, that such a change should be resisted strongly. If the Stock Exchange were seen to be operating a market with low standards of entry, and problems subsequently developed, this could lead to a lowering of confidence in the USM and fully listed markets.

Takeovers: frenzy takes toll

PETER LEE
TAKEOVER PANEL

Viewed from the Panel, takeover activity in 1984 seemed more frenetic than ever, with at times nearly a dozen contested bids in progress. My impression is that the pressures on advisers in takeover bids continue to grow apace. Competition is fierce and there is a need to be continually innovative. Client loyalty is not what it was. A more legalistic attitude tends to prevail – the attitude that unless smoothing is expressly prohibited it is acceptable. This means that the spirit of the Takeover Code is not in the forefront of people's minds to the extent that it was. The letter tends progressively to play a greater part: no doubt a portent of the new environment to come.

Perhaps a symptom of this overwhelming desire to win has been a falling-off of the standards required in certain takeover circulars in recent months. Circulars have included inaccurate or misleading statements or comparisons and, in particular, unsatisfactory graphs and diagrams. Knocking copy about the other side is an area where inaccuracy can easily creep in, as often the base data used are incorrect.

In future the Panel will normally require a correcting circular to be published within 48 hours of any misleading statement being brought to its attention, whether or not there was any intention to mislead. The Panel may also decide to censure publicly those responsible for the original circular.

From time to time there has been adverse comment about the style of certain advertisements. The Panel does not aspire to be the arbiter of good taste, but it hopes that companies and their advisers will be mindful of this aspect.

More recently the executive has had the dubious pleasure of pre-vetting in different offers a record, a tape, a video and a television advertisement. Unfortunately the material has not been as gripping as that to which I imagine the British Board of Film Censors is exposed. In all cases we are concerned to make sure that the information is fairly and accurately presented and not likely to mislead shareholders.

Directors: legal obligations

RALPH ALDWINCKLE
LINKLATERS & PAINES

Directors' liabilities for documents issued by or on behalf of their companies in connection with offers of shares in those companies are both civil and criminal.

The civil liabilities arise both under common law and under statute, and important changes have been made in the latter as a result of the Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulations 1984. The criminal liabilities are all statutory.

Under Section 44 of the Companies Act 1984, if a prospectus includes any untrue statement, any person who authorised its issue commits a criminal offence unless he proves either that the statement was immaterial or that he reasonably and honestly believed that it was true.

Three points are important. First mere negligence may be sufficient to ground liability. Second the onus of proof is on the accused.

Third, the section is confined to "statements" and will therefore not normally extend to forecasts, etc.

Section 13 of the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act 1958 provides that any person who, by any promise or forecast which he knows to be misleading, false or deceptive, or by any dishonest concealment of material facts, or by the reckless making (dishonestly or otherwise) of any statement, promise or forecast which is misleading, false or deceptive, induces or attempts to induce another person to enter into any agreement for acquiring, disposing, subscribing or underwriting any securities, or speculating in them or in arrangements relating to other property, is guilty of an offence and liable to imprisonment for seven years.

This section is worded extremely widely. It extends to promises and forecasts, as well as statements, is not restricted to officers of the company. In addition it is not restricted to cases of wilful falsehood, as "reckless" includes cases where there is a high degree of negligence without dishonesty.

Under Section 19 of the Theft Act 1968, an officer or person purporting to act as an officer of a body corporate or an unincorporated association who, with intent to deceive its members or creditors about its affairs, publishes or concurs in publishing a written statement or account which to his knowledge is or may be misleading, false or deceptive in a material particular commits an offence.

The law on this topic is a muddle. Different statutory provisions have been introduced piecemeal over the years and the result is full of inconsistencies and arbitrary distinctions.

An already confused situation has been made worse by the Listing Regulations. There is no sense in having one set of liabilities for listing particulars, another for Companies Act prospectuses and another for other forms of offering document. In each case the investor, whose protection is one of the primary purposes of the imposition of liabilities on the directors, is being invited to take securities on the basis of statements regarding the company.

There should therefore be a consistent basis of liability. To achieve this a radical review of the whole subject of liability for such documents is necessary, and not only as regards the liability of directors; the present position regarding the liabilities of experts and others is even more confused that it is for directors.

Fortunately the White Paper recognizes the problem and promises to do what is necessary.

Auditors: new skills needed

MICHAEL FOWLE
PEAT MARWICK

Is there a role for the auditors in the rapidly changing securities markets and if so what is it?

Auditors came to exist, not because the law required us, but because there was demand; there will be independent auditors as long as demand remains. But if we cease to be independent, we cease to meet demand and we die professionally.

The auditor is a principal, not an agent. When the auditor signs his report on a company's financial statements, he does so as a principal. The auditor also gives advice; if he is an able auditor and an attentive professional he will give good advice, but fundamentally he is not an adviser.

In terms of ultimate responsibilities, it is the investor and shareholder who is entitled to rely on the auditor and on the auditor's opinion. The auditor reports to shareholders, not to the directors.

Non-executive directors have a vital role in working with the auditors. If they do not know enough about how the auditors fulfill their function, they should find out more. It is essential that non-executive directors take this responsibility seriously; it needs to be a continuing concern, not just a fire brigade operation for emergencies.

Auditing in the future is going to be very different from the past. We can foresee publicly traded companies and firms in the securities industry being required to produce far more information, far more rapidly, with telecommunications playing an increasing part in the dissemination of formal financial information such information must be reliable.

Auditing is going to require new skills, but auditing is still going to be needed and it is still going to be auditing – even though auditors will be using completely new techniques and completely new methods. Research is already well under way in the use of expert systems and artificial intelligence to aid audit determinations and judgements.

Dealing: no cut in costs

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FIELDING NEWSON-SMITH

I am doubtful if, in the short term, institutional investment clients are really going to find that the costs of dealing in securities are reduced materially. The present rates of commission on equities compare very well with those charged in the US, even after the latest cuts.

I am sceptical that the new market in gilt-edged will produce greatly reduced costs particularly after the cuts in fixed rate commissions that were introduced 18 months ago.

In both markets, I feel, there may initially be an improved liquidity as different market makers try to establish their positions, without too much regard for the cost of so doing. This may then move to a second stage, where the losses have become unacceptable but there are still a large number of market makers competing for too little business.

The third stage should find the equilibrium, where the less effective have decided that discretion is the better part of valour and the stronger firms have proved their skill and their stamina.

The danger lies if the attitude of establishing a market share at all costs coincides with a really serious bear market. Then we could see the sort of conditions that occurred in 1974. In that single year, out of about 350 firms of stockbrokers throughout the country, 69 ceased to trade, and a third of all those employed in stockbroking and stockjobbing firms left the industry.

The private client is likely to receive a service that is better than he has been used to, but he will almost certainly pay more for it. The number of individual investors is also likely to grow, at least towards the end of the eighties.

Banks, building societies, chain stores and others will all have taken the first steps towards selling financial services, with investment to the fore. The discount broker will be there, offering an "execution only" service, although this is more likely to attract the punter or the smaller investment fund.

Overall, for the client, it is likely to be a time of some disappointment as the brave new securities world does not fully come up to expectations. Only in the service on international securities will he, in my opinion, see a marked improvement.

The short term prospect – the next five years – is for things to be different, but less so than the word "revolution" would suggest. The factor that is likely to have the greatest effect in the longer term is that of technological advance. Of the all the influences that will shape the securities markets of the mid-1990s, technology will be in the lead.

The City of London is the acknowledged world centre for both international insurance and international banking. There are more foreign banks in London than in any other city in the world. London enjoys a share of international banking transactions that is almost three times that of New York. We do not have a similar share of international security transactions.

In the short term, London will become the accepted centre for international investment management. It already has a reputation for integrity and performance. Because of the traditional attitude of British investment managers towards the Commonwealth and the other economies of the world, overseas investment is an accepted part of their function. This is far from shared by fund managers in America or Japan. So responsibility for looking at the broader fields of overseas investment will be given to the London houses.

I am doubtful if the actual dealing market in international securities will be captured in the same way, at least until technology has developed into the mid-1990s. By then communication technology will have develped to a state where in every man's briefcase there could be a visual display unit which can capture news and views from every corner of the globe.

A word into the machine will place an order, transfer funds, transfer securities, obtain research material, calculate ratios, produce three dimensional models, solve four dimensional equations, summon up the face of your Chinese partner in Beijing (the largest security market in the world by then) as he speaks to you live and produce a facsimile of a page of the prospectus that had been filed in Rio de Janeiro

If the stock can be transferred electronically and the funds also transferred in a similar manner, then no longer will the dealing market lie where the stock lies: it will lie where the investment decisions are taken.

Within the next decade, the City of London will develop the most sophisticated and advanced international communication systems of any world capital. The shortness of distances between the main participants in the City and all the other supporting markets, and thus the updating of their communication equipment, will again give London the edge over New York, Tokyo or any other emerging financial centre.



Peter Walker: radical changes have been required

Walker sees promising future for the pound

The Chancellor was right to point out last week that markets can be wrong. Perhaps the most important marker assessment of recent times has been the rise in the dollar against all currencies since 1979. Such a market assessment and marker change does have profound impacts upon virtually every investment and trading decision. I can only express surprise at the arguments propounded for the dollar exchange rate against the pound.

One of the main arguments has been that we are now a petro currency and therefore any prospect of a fall in oil prices or a lowering of North Sea production should command a weakening of the pound. Such argument does not bear examination.

We do have a greater proportion of our gross national product connected with energy than any other community country and more than double that of most. We are the one major industrial country in the world that is a net exporter of energy. But we have energy resources covering the whole range – good coal reserves, oil and gas supplies which will take us well into the next century, a significant nuclear expertise and nuclear industry, a sophisticated energy distribution system and a growing command of the technologies of energy efficiency.

Britain has a rich diversity of export trade. Perhaps we should be reminded that it is a British home computer that has the biggest share of the American market and a British record player that has the biggest share of the Japanese market, not to mention of course our exports of pasta to Italy.

It is a staggering situation when one considers that the American trade deficit went up from $61 billion kin 1983 kto $116 billion in 1984. The Federal Government deficit is some $175 billion and rising. The percentage income in American M3 monetary aggregates was the same as ours in December. The United States inflation rate, although a little lower, is one per cent higher than the UK tax and price index.

As to the future, the United States "blue chip consensus" of private forecasters expect 3.1 per cent growth in real GNP in 1985; a similar projection to the consensus of major forecasters for the United Kingdom. These are hardly facts that give any justification to the current exchange rate.

As to the oil price perhaps we should be reminded that in terms of the worldwide prices of manufacturin goods crude oil prices are at record levels because of the rise in the dollar.

It is irrational of the market to mark sterling downn twice, once when the dollar rises and once when oil prices in dollars drift downwards as a technical adjustment to that dollar rise; this is simply double counting.

It is equally irrational of the market to ignore the way substantial encouragement that has been given to UK exports on top of the sharp volume increases already in the pipeline. In The USA by contrast exports are handicapped and are already performing badly with a 10 per cent fall in volume over the past three years.

Another myth about the UKCS that I want to debunk is the view expressed by certain overseas oil tycoons – not I would add, by their informed advisers – that the North Sea is now a mature oil province. This is naive. Not only are there are ample known oil reserves there for the rest of this century but – more important – the rate of oil and gas discovery continues at a truly remarkable pace.

Let me also offer you five facts to put the issue in perspective: (i) the discovery rate in the North Sea is 4½:1, ir the rest of the world it is 20:1; (ii) the discovery rate in the North Sea – notwithstanding 20 years of search – shows no sign of slackening – a remarkable fact as any oil man will avow; (iii) new finds are now being discovered outside the more common North Sea and Irish Sea areas and – perhaps even more significantly – at sedimentary layers far deeper than previous discoveries; (iv) the rate of recent discoveries of substantial new gas finds in Southern Basin – the first area ever explored – is dramatic; (v) small wonder, therefore, that there are now more exploration rigs in the North Sea than ever before.

When the present industrial dispute in the coal industry comes to an end let nobody make a mistake of underestimating the importance of our coal industry.

Nor let anybody underestimate the part that Britain is going to play in nuclear energy. We possess in the Atomic Energy Authority remarkable scientific skills. British Nuclear Fuels is one of only two companies in the world that provides an essential service to the international nuclear industry.

Many parts of the world are going to place vast investment in order to benefit from sophisticated systems of gas and electricity distribution. There is no doubt that British companies are going to play a leading role

Britain has been behind in energy efficiency. It is now beginning to move up the league table and I hope within the next few years we will be at the top of the league in energy efficiency. Let nobody underestimate the degree to which this is going to be one of the great growth industries of the world.

Massive growth is currently taking place in the creation and development of small businesses. With unparalleled incentives to invest in small business and with large numbers of former executives desiring to create a business of their own, in every town and city of Britain new businesses are emerging on a considerable scale.

The dramatic changes that this conference is discussing today are perhaps a reflection of the fact that once again, when put to the test, the City has realized that in order not just to survive, but to succeed radical changes, has been required.

When one measures the potential advantages of a nation strong in energy, embarking upon a host of new entrepreneurial activities throughout upon a host of new entrepreneurial activities throughout its land, a nation that will have the strongest finance centre in the strongest economic group in the Western world, it is not a bad time, particularly at the currency exchange rates of today, to see sterling as a currency with a promising future.

COMPANY NEWS

● **APPLIED BOTANICS:** Turnover for six months to June 30 1984 (figures in £000) 2,359 (47). Divisional results: Rubber loss 4 (profit 1). House plants loss 368 (nil). Head office net 66 (3). Loss before tax 306 (profit 4). Minority interest 1 (nil). Loss attributable to ordinary shareholders 305 (profit 4). Despite the losses, the board continues to hope for a turn round in the group's business.

● **ROWLAND GAUNT:** Sales for the year to October 31, 1984 (figures in £000) 6,544 (5,008). Pretax profit 228 (42). Tax 16 (nil). Minorities 7 debit (nil). Earnings per share 11.38p (2.66p on old capital). Group now has capital and management resources to plan the strategic growth of its manufacturing retail interests, which in turn should enable the board to consider a resumption of dividends. Shares 47p up 4p.

● **MEZZANINE CAPITAL CORPORATION:** Total income for halfyear to November 30 1984 (figures in £000) 5,769 (2,000), being investment income 5,689 (2,000) and other income 80 (nil). Operating surplus before tax 4,812 P1,370) after total expenses 958 (630). Tax 6 (nil). Net income available 4,805 (1,370). Net assets value per share 59.61 (same).

● **SELTRUST** says shareholders have been told of the board's recommendation to place the company into members' voluntary liquidation. Resolutions to achieve this will be considered at the general meeting in Perth on February 28. BP has also undertaken to continue financial support should the resolutions be carried.

● **ELECTOLUX:** Under the terms of a preliminary agreement, the company will acquire Zander, a German household appliances manufacturer. The Baden-Württemberg government has been told about Electrolux's plans for Zanker. Share capital will be raised from DM10 million to DM25 million. Its acquisition represents a strategically important advance in the German market. Zanker's 1984 turnover amounted to DM126 million. Electrolux has annual sales of some DM12,000 million and Zanussi of about DM3,000 million.

● **BLUEMEL BROS:** Turnover during the year to September 30 (figures in £000) 4,241 (3,846). Operating loss 292 (516). Exceptional credit 256 (nil). Net interest payable 87 (52). Pretax loss 123 (56). Tax credit 67 (credit 14). Extraordinary debit 14 (debit 341). Loss per ordinary share 0.47p (8.77p).

● **CH INDUSTRIES** will offer for the whole of issued ordinary share capital of Banro not already owned by CHI. The company owns or has agreed to acquire 417,500 Banro ordinary shares (7.6 per cent). Basic terms of the offer will be: 36.65 per cent conv cum red preferential shares in CHI for every 4 Banro ordinary share.

● **PYKE (HOLDINGS):** Conditional contracts have been exchanged for the acquisition of Bransbys, a company recently formed to take over two businesses previously carried on by two separate companies, the former Bransbys and the former Bolmos. The prpposed acquisition will enable Pyke to acquire a modern pork and bacon processing facility which manufacturers products already sold by Pyke but for which it has no production capacity. The consideration will be £2 million which will be satisfied on completion by issue and allotment to the vendors of 730,392 new ordinary shares in Pyke. Shares 298 up 3.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares buoyant

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313	228	Joseph (Leopold)	263	+5	16.1	6.1	13.8
176	124	King & Shaxson	164	+2	11.8	7.2	13.8
468	320	Kleinwort Benson	440	+5	17.9	4.1	11.1
597	422	Lloyds	587	+8	34.9	5.9	4.9
65	49	Lon Scot Fin	58	• ..	4.0	6.2	9.7
42	22	Manson	25	+1	1.4	5.7	9.8
503	408	Mercury Secs	483	..	16.4	3.5	9.7
429	277	Midland	348	..	36.4	10.4	5.8
270	198	Nat Aust Bk	256	-5	..	..	..
699	420	Nat West	666	+7	36.2	5.4	5.2
73	57	Ottoman	£73	+½	450	6.2	11.1
226	144	Provident	200	..	13.6	6.8	8.5
100	72½	Rea Bros	76	-2	1.8	2.4	24.8
27½	14	Royal Bk Of Can	£27½	• +¼	..	..	..
260	228	Royal Bnk Of Scot	260	+5	12.1	4.7	6.2
908	625	Schroders	806	..	23.6	2.9	13.6
370	260	Seccombe M	325	..	28.6	8.8	10.7
71	48	Smith St Aubyn	65	+1	6.4	9.9	5.9
579	442	Stand Chart	517	+3	40.0	7.7	7.2
783	612	Union	783	+15	52.9	6.8	8.7
64	42	Wagon	62	..	3.9	6.3	16.8
47⅞	29⅛	Wells Fargo	£47⅞	+⅛	..	..	..
280	185	Wintrust	260	..	6.4	2.5	17.5

BUILDING AND ROADS

1984/85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
202	156	Aberdeen Constr	194	..	9.4	4.9	9.8
262	185	Amec	256	+1	15.0	5.8	10.5
76	38	Arncliffe	44	..	..	..	8.8
94	79½	Atwoods	87	-1	5.0	5.7	25.5
336	233	BPB Industries	258	-3	10.4	4.0	9.2
218	122	Baggeridge Brick	218	• +2	8.8	4.1	9.3
188	72	Barratt Devs	72	-2	10.9	15.1	4.8
45	27	Bailey(Ben) Constr	27	-1	2.8	9.5	6.4
		Beechwood		f ..	..	..	..
184	118	Bellway	129	..	10.0	7.8	8.6
76	53	Benford Concrete	64	..	5.4	8.4	14.8
64	43	Bett Bros	60	+1	4.4	7.4	9.0
608	348	Blockleys	560	..	30.0	5.4	14.3
520	358	Blue Circle	490	+7	27.1	5.5	8.2
216	182	Breedon&Cloud Hill	206	..	12.0	5.8	18.4
69	46	Brickhouse Dudley	66	• -1	4.5	6.9	17.7
71	47	Br Dredging	64	+1	2.9	4.5	14.7
23	18	Brown&Jackson	21	..	..	..	14.5
71	57	Brownlee	67	..	5.2	7.8	7.1
77	50	Bryant	71	..	4.3	6.0	7.8
220	125	Burnett & Hallam	170	..	12.5	7.4	18.6
150	145	Calebread Robey	148	..	4.3	2.9	20.2
66	46	Carr (J) Doncaster	57	+1	2.1	3.6	8.7
61	47	Cement-Roadstone	61	..	1.0	1.6	..
64	42	Condor Int	52	+4	1.1	2.1	..
380	234	Costain	358	+2	20.0	5.6	8.5
240	174	Countryside	208	..	7.2	3.5	6.0
98	68	Crouch (Derek)	92	..	7.2	7.8	51.1
		Crouch Group		1 ..	..	..	..
108	48	Dew (George)	70	..	8.1	11.6	9.5
63	52	Douglas (RM)	52	..	2.5	4.8	37.1
83	62	Erith	62	..	4.1	6.7	9.8
120	95	Feb	108	..	3.9	3.6	12.4
118	82	Do 'A'	86	+2	3.3	4.5	9.9
107	71	Finlan (John)	88	..	6.0b	6.8	42.3
154	110	French Kier	134	-1	8.1	6.1	7.8
71	37	Galliford	67	..	5.7	8.5	10.4
110	105	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	105	..	2.0	1.9	45.5
238	163	Gleeson (MJ)	230	..	7.1	3.1	10.9
129	95	HAT	100	• +1	4.9	4.9	11.2
53	18	Helical Bar	28	..	..	..	5.7
41	30	Hewden-Stuart	36	-1	2.0	5.5	8.6
181	103	Heywood Williams	118	..	8.6	7.4	4.9
330	220	Higgs & Hill	286	..	16.4	5.7	8.1
159	110	IDC	159	+2	10.7	6.7	8.0
283	152	Ibstock Johnsen	268	+5	8.9	3.3	17.8
308	220	Jarvis (J) & Sons	288	..	25.0	8.7	9.9
229	137	Laing (J)	208	..	7.9	3.8	7.7
229	136	Do 'A'	205	..	7.9	3.8	7.7
244	156	Lawrence (Walter)	213	+4	14.6	6.7	4.9
181	28	Leech (William)	176	• +1	5.7	3.2	17.9
91	60	Lilley (FJC)	63	-1	5.2	8.3	5.8
220	158	Lovell (YJ)	208	• +2	8.6	4.1	8.1
180	104	Magnet & South	116	• +2	6.7	5.8	8.3
193	143	Manders	190	+4	10.0	5.3	9.6
270	185	Marchwiel	264	..	13.5	5.1	8.7
233	169	Marshalls (Halifax)	223	• ..	11.4	5.1	7.8
100	68	May & Hassell	89	..	5.8	6.7	3.5
158	89	Meyer Int	117	• +1	7.0	6.0	6.1
28	15	Miller (Stanley)	17	..	..	..	..
136	105	Monk (A)	122	• ..	9.3	7.6	5.7
224	184	Mowlem (John)	218	• +2	16.0	7.3	6.7
650	475	Newarthill	630	..	14.3	2.3	13.3
163	104	Nottingham Brick	158	r ..	7.1	4.5	14.7
725	425	Pearce (CH) Sons	650	..	8.9	1.4	12.9
148	84	Phoenix Timber	132	• ..	5.7	4.3	4.9
250	190	Pochins	200	..	17.0	8.5	4.5
476	330	RMC	382	+2	17.6	4.6	9.7
315	220	Redland	274	+1	13.9	5.1	11.0
150	100	Roberts Adlard	108	-2	8.6	7.9	9.8
38	27	Rowlinson Secs	33	..	0.9	2.8	8.4
281	180	Ruberoid	210	..	10.4	5.0	8.6
140	95	Rugby Cement	132	..	8.8	6.7	11.4
169	112	SGB	162	+4	9.0	5.6	8.8
71	37	Sharpe & Fisher	65	..	3.0	4.6	10.2
70	47	Smart (J)	61	..	5.6	9.2	12.5
528	406	Tarmac	496	+4	20.0	4.0	13.0
378	285	Taylor Woodrow	358	..	17.5	4.9	10.8
134	80	Tilbury Group	126	-2	6.4	5.1	10.3
376	259	Travis & Arnold	330	+2	10.1	3.6	9.8
102	68	Trent	97	-1	1.4	1.4	13.3
350	185	Turriff	329	..	10.0	3.0	8.2
167	125½	UBM	148	+1	10.0	6.8	16.7
171	120	Vibroplant	149	..	12.6b	8.5	15.3
154	63	Ward	128	..	8.0	6.3	7.4
148	55	Do Dfd	110	..	..	..	7.2
104	78	Warrington (T)	78	..	8.8	11.3	8.9
216	162	Watts Blake	216	..	6.1	2.8	18.3
88	62	Western Bros	66	..	..•	..	12.7
84	33	Wiggins	36	..	..	..	..
200	158	Wilson (Connolly)	186	..	3.7	2.0	9.9
160	95	Wimpey (George)	103	..	4.4	4.2	7.8

TENNIS

Bale thrown out for swearing at umpire

By Lewine Mair

Stuart Bale, one of Britain's leading young players who found himself in trouble last year when he walked off court in a US Open qualifying match, was disqualified yesterday from the LTA satellite tournament at Telford. Bale, the British No 6, was serving to draw level at 4-4 in the first set of his second round match against Jason Goodall when he yelled a two-word expletive close to the umpire's chair and within earshot of the centre gallery.

Bale, aged 21, lost a trip to Australia and a year's tuition from Bob Brett, a top international coach, as a result of his US Open incident. It was because Georgina Clark, the first woman to umpire a women's final at Wimbledon, thought that Bale's remarks were aimed directly at her, that she decided to default him.

Bale had hit a searing cross-court volley which, to many eyes, comfortably caught the line to take him to 40–15. The linesman, who had to look through the net, called the ball out and it was when Mrs Clark confirmed his decision that Bale suddenly let rip, hurling his racket to the far end of the court before making his outburst.



Bale: hurled racket

Bale insisted as he was ushered off court that he had not addressed his remarks to Mrs Clark. "I was swearing in disbelief at the call not her," Bale said.

She called Tony Gathercole the tournament referee, to put him in the picture and Gathercole, having seen the affair, at once concurred with her view. "In my opinion Bale's remarks were directed at the umpire," Gathercole said. "It added up to 'aggravated behaviour'. He is defaulted from the doubles as well as the singles and will receive no prize money. That sort of outburst cannot go without a penalty being given."

Bale said that Goodall, with his endless tying and untying of his shoe laces, had done "everything to wind me up" and he further made the point that the cough he has had for the past three weeks has left him under the weather and easily irritated. "I thought I deserved the penalty point – but never a default."

SECOND ROUND: (GB unless stated): L Rusiecki (US) bt T Sawatos (Gr), 6-2 2-6 6-3; S Eriksson (Swe) bt L Holmgren (Swe), 6-1 6-0; B Derks (NZ) bt C Vermeeren (Neth), 6-4 6-4; M Albert (Neth) bt I Werner (NG), 5-7 6-4 6-2; L Alfred bt M Christensen (Den), 2-6 6-2; J Sabas bt R Sharp (Neth), 7-5 6-3; J Goodall bt S Bale, 4-3, default; M Cooling (Neth) bt D Masenlyn (SA), 7-5 6-3.

GRAND PRIX POSITIONS (US unless stated): 1, J McEnroe; 2, S Edberg (Swe); 3, Y Noah (Fr); 4 equal, J Connors and M Mecir (Cz); 6, E Teltscher; 7 S Davis; 8 equal, B Gilbert and G Holmes; 10 C Lewis (NZ).

ATP RANKINGS: 1, J McEnroe (US); 2, J Connors (US); 3, I Lendl (Cz); 4, M Wilander (Swe); 5, A Gomez (Ec); 6 H Sundstrom (Swe); 7, A Jarryd (Swe); 8, Y Noah (Fr); 9, P Cash (Aus); 10, A Krickstein (US).

CRICKET: GOWER'S MEN DRAW LAST TEST TO WIN SERIES IN INDIA

England might have defeat on the run

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Kanpur

England's tour came to a peaceful and successful conclusion here yesterday when they drew the fifth Test match and so took the rubber. To win a series in India is difficult at the best of times: to have done so after losing the first Test and with a side of limited ability is an achievement upon which England are to be heartily congratulated.

Relieved, mercifully, of the need to play a day-night match in Delhi tomorrow, their next outing will be against Australia in Melbourne on Sunday week, the first game of the Victorian anniversary tournament.

Although the result was the one England wanted, yesterday's play, rather than yielding a hundred for Gower as had been hoped, brought a couple of injuries. First Edmonds, then Foster was hit full toss on the foot while batting against Kapil. To add insult to injury, Edmonds looked up to see himself being given out leg before. Neither of them took the field for India's brief second innings and it is just as well that Foster, who was given an X-ray examination to make sure that nothing was broken, has no need to bowl for a while.

England last won an overseas series as long ago as 1978-79. Since them they have lost to Australia (1979-80), West Indies (1980-81), India (1981-82), Australia again (1982-83), New Zealand (1983-84) and Pakistan (1983-84). Whether this now is the turning of the tide remains to be seen. It is certainly a relief. Defeat was becoming not so much a setback, more a matter of course.

Yesterday's cricket was divided into three parts – the end of England's first innings when they lost thier last four wickets for 44 runs; India's second innings, which consisted of a quick and effective dash over 13 overs, and then England playing out the rest of the match. Up to a point the vain hope of glory brought the best out of India. First Kapil picked up three wickets in 10 overs for 26 runs, besides having Edmonds dropped.

Gower was leg before on the back foot to Shastri, the ball keeping low. And then when India went in agin, an hour before lunch, they at once made their intentions clear.

In the first over Shastri, opening instead of Gavaskar, was run out attempting an improbable single to Robinson at mid-on. By lunch the score was 21 after five overs. Afterwards, when a third substitute was in the field for an ailing Fowler, England were given an undignified run around by Azharuddin and Srikkanth.

In eight overs these two scored another 72 runs, mostly off Cowans and Cowdrey, who was given the new ball in Foster's absence. I have seen some unlikely cricket involving the Cowdrey family and the new ball in Kanpur. In 1963-64 Pataudi took it for India and at once had Christopher's father leg before when he seemed on the way to another hundred. It was Pataudi's only Test wicket.



Azharuddin attacks the bowling of Cowdrey during his innings of 54

England's temperary unease was plain to see from the concern Gower displayed when, more than once, Srikkanth ran and turned on the business part of the pitch. He left Srikkanth in no doubt at all what he thought about this, nor in the end did the umpire.

Azharuddin's 54 not out made in 42 balls, took his aggregate in first class matches against Gower's side to 714 and his average to 89.2. We know that his game has a rugged as well as artistic side to it.

With a one o'clock declaration, Gavaskar invited England to make 234 to win at slightly over five runs an over. It would have been well worth a try in the ordinary way and for a few fleeting overs it looked as though Gower (back again as Fowler's stand-in) and Robinson might be interested. It would have been fun if they had been. But the shutters were soon put up. With only eight fit men it was hardly reasonable to expect England to risk the rewards of three long hard months with a final quixotic gesture.

When the match ended Robinson had retired with some dust behind a contact lens (the same thing happened in Calcutta) and the captain and vice-captain were again together. Gower blocking while Gatting finished with a romp. England's future rests with these two and they have worked well as a pair. Gower's confidence in him bringing the best out of Gatting.

By playing as a side, as India find it so difficult to do, England have made the very most of themselves on this tour. Indian cricket is undermined by the traditional antipathy that exists beween Delhi and Bombay, as manifested in the dispute between Gavaskar and Kapil Dev. It is as though resentment and suspicion between the north and south of England were reducing their potential by 20 per cent, and it is so deep-seated that it is difficult to see what can be done about it.

England also had a huge advantage in fast bowling, as they usually do against India. Of Kapil's partners in the representative matches only Sekhar might hold a place in a county side. In fielding, too, England have been vastly superior.

These things are hard to quantify, but England's ground fielding must be 40 runs a day better than India's. Finally, what enabled England to retain the advantage they gained in Delhi was the way they got the better of Sivaramakrishnan.

In the first two Test matches the young leg spinner – he really is no more than a boy – took 19 wickets a 16 apiece. In the last three his figures were 139-26-401-4. This is merely an exaggeration of historical trend whereby leg spinners are at their most dangerous when they first display their tricks. They are the conjurers of the game, whose sleight of hand can be vulnerable to prolonged examination. England's batsmen worked Siva out, as they said they would even when he was wreaking havoc in Bombay and Delhi. None had more to do with this than Gatting.

Another clear gain has been Foster's advance. He has overtaken Cowans as the main spearhead partly perhaps because he came fresh to the fourth Test whereas Cowans had already been hard at it in the first three. Foster has a big heart, long arms, good shoulders, a certain natural whip and fire in his belly. In a year or two's time, so long as his back stands the strain, he could be a great asset.

But from the manager downwards all had fully earned the celebrations they enjoyed last night. Not one of them, I fancy, will leave for Australia on Friday without a real affection for India. To be able to say that after the trials and tribulations of the first month of the four is quite something.

Scoreboard

INDIA: First Innings: 553 for 8 dec. (D R Vengsarkar 137, M Azharuddin 122, K Srikanth 84, R J Shastri 58).

Second Innings

R J Shastri run out	2
K Srikanth not out	41
M Azharuddin not out	54
Extras (l)	0
Total (1 wkt dec)	97

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–2.

BOWLING: Cowans, 7-1-51-0, Cowdrey, 5-0-39-0, Gatting, 1-0-7-0.

ENGLAND: First Innings

R T Robinson lbw b Kapil Dev	26
F Fowler c Kirmani b Shastri	69
M W Gatting c and b Sharma	82
A J Lamb c Srikanth b Shastri	13
D I Gower lbw b Shastri	76
C Cowdrey c Kirmani b Sharma	1
P Downton b Sharma	1
P Edmonds lbw b Kapil Dev	49
N Foster c Kirmani b Kapil Dev	8
P Pocock not out	4
N G Cowans b Kapil Dev	9
Extras (b-10, lb-17)	27
Total (all out)	417

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–156 2–186, 3–222, 4–276, 5–278, 6–288, 7–386, 8–402, 9–404.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev, 36.5-7-81-4, Amarnath, 4-1-6-0, Shastri, 32-13-82-3, Sivaramakrishnan, 53-11-133-0, Sharma, 60-16-115-3, Malhotra, 2-0-3-0.

Second Innings

D I Gower not out	32
R T Robinson retired hurt	16
M W Gatting not out	43
Extras (lb-2nd)	91
Total (no wkt)	91

BOWLING: Kapil Dev, 5-0-19-0, Shastri, 7-2-12-0, Sharma, 11-4-17-0, Sivaramakrishnan, 10-2-22-0, Srikkanth, 2-0-11-0, Azharuddin, 1-0-8-0.

TEST AVERAGES

England Batting

	Inn	NO	Runs	HS	Aver
M W Gatting	9	3	573	207	95.83
T M Robinson	9	0	444	160	63.42
P R Downton	6	3	183	74	61.00
G Fowler	8	0	438	201	54.75
A J Lamb	9	1	241	67	30.16
P H Edmonds	4	1	176	49	29.16
D I Gower	7	1	167	78	27.83
C S Cowdrey	6	1	96	38	19.20
P I Pocock	5	2	59	22*	13.00
N A Foster	2	0	13	8	6.50
R M Ellison	4	0	12	10	3.00
N G Cowans	5	1	10	9	2.50

* Not out

Bowling

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Aver
N A Foster	87.0	13	286	14	20.42
P H Edmonds	276.1	108	694	14	41.71
N G Cowans	181.5	41	627	14	44.78
P I Pocock	237.5	85	655	13	50.38
C S Cowdrey	61.0	2	288	4	72.00
R M Ellison	105.0	24	299	4	72.25
M W Gatting	13.0	1	36	0	–

India

Batting

	Inn	NO	Runs	HS	Aver
M Azharuddin	5	1	439	122	109.75
S M H Kirmani	8	2	291	102	58.20
M Amarnath	8	1	407	95	58.14
R J Shastri	9	2	393	142	56.71
K Srikkanth	9	1	141	84	47.00
Kapil Dev	6	0	283	83	42.16
D B Vengsarkar	8	1	284	157	40.57
C Sharma	4	1	40	17*	40.00
S M Gavaskar	4	0	140	65	17.50
L Sivaramakrishnan	5	1	59	25	14.75
S Yadav	6	1	43	20*	14.33
A D Gaekwad	5	0	71	28	14.20

Bowling

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Aver
M Amarnath	23	2	49	2	24.50
L Sivaramakrishnan	274.3	63	723	29	31.43
S Yadav	153	31	363	9	40.22
Kapil Dev	161.5	32	436	10	43.60
C Sharma	132	3	446	3	44.50
C Sharma	60.5	6	200	4	50.00
R J Shastri	184	48	390	7	55.71
M Prabhakar	29	4	102	1	102.00

TOUR AVERAGES

Batting

	Inn	NO	Runs	HS	Aver
H W Gatting	9	3	1029	207	85.75
M D Moxon	4	0	231	153	57.75
T M Robinson	18	3	861	160	57.40
G Fowler	12	0	727	201	48.46
A J Lamb	14	0	641	67	36.78
D I Gower	15	1	482	95	34.42
N A Foster	8	4	138	29	32.00
P R Downton	11	3	238	62	29.75
C S Cowdrey	11	1	211	780	21.10
V J Marks	8	1	141	66	20.14
P H Edmonds	12	0	241	49	20.08
R M Ellison	10	0	192	55	16.58
P J W Allott	3	1	29	14	14.50
B N French	5	0	64	19	12.80
P I Pocock	9	3	48	22	8.00
N G Cowans	11	1	81	10	8.00
J P Agnew	1	1	12	12*	3.00

*Not out

Bowling

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Aver
N A Foster	250.1	63	656	29	22.62
J P Agnew	43.0	4	208	7	29.28
P H Edmonds	497.1	184	1017	32	31.78
N G Cowans	267.5	60	916	26	35.84
P I Pocock	322.1	73	934	23	40.60
V J Marks	121.1	38	322	7	46.85
C S Cowdrey	114.0	12	442	9	49.11
R M Ellison	210.1	57	550	11	50.00
M W Gatting	34.0	2	90	1	90.00
P J W Allott	49.1	11	209	2	104.50

ALSO BOWLED: G Fowler 1, 1, 0, 0; D I Gower 3, 0, 13, 0; A J Lamb 2, 1, 0, 1; T M Robinson 1, 1, 0, 0.

SKIING

Austrians are on the slide after missing downhill bus

From David Miller, Bormio, Italy

The forecourt of the timbered Nazionale Hotel looks like a delivery yard for expensive German cars, the majority in the brick red of the Austrian flag and bearing the official emblem of the national skiing team: a picture of opulent success. Unfortunately, the Austrian team are so far as embarrassingly bare of gold medals in the World Alpine Championships as the lower tourist slopes are of snow.

The current feeling of anguish just across the border is as it would be in England following yet again elimination from the World Cup in football. Austrian typewriters are whirring in a frenzy of self-appointed national inquiry into the country's major sport, renowned for the past exploits of Sailer, Schranz and Klammer. While the Swiss cowbells jingle round the village in celebration, inside the Nazionale Hotel the Austrian team feel besieged by accusation, criticism and relative failure. All, that is, except the legendary Franz Klammer.

The 31-year-old Olympic champion of 1976 put his younger colleagues to shame, you will recall, by taking fifth place in Sunday's downhill, the only Austrian to get near the Swiss. In the Olympic Games in Sarajevo, Austria's only Alpine medal was Anton Steiner's bronze in the downhill. All they have here after four events is three silvers: Katrina Gutensohn in the women's downhill and the little-valued combined events of Sylvia Aeder and Ernst Riedlsperger.

At the centre of the controversy is Karl Kahr, aged 52, the senior national coach for the past 13 years, better known to most as Charlie and once the coach to the British women's team. Ramsey, Revie, Greenwood and Robson wee nebver under more public pressure than he. As in all sporting post mortems, there is no easily available solution.

"We expected to do well and, of course, the skiers wanted to do well . . . but they didn't," Kahr says. "There is no explanation. The battle is between ourselves and the Swiss, and at present the Swiss have an advantage. I can't say why. Some years ago we developed new levels of Alpine training, but now others have caught us up".

Kahr thinks that additional pressure was put on the team on Sunday when Steiner fell at the first of the big jumps: "He knew he was faster than Zurbriggen in training". But training is not racing and Steiner, Kahr admits, was perhaps trying too hard. When Helmut Hoeflehner, winner of three World Cup downhills this season, and never out of the top four in 12 races, when through the starting gate at No 13 he knew that the nation back home was holding its breath. He nearly crashed at the same jump as Steiner.

Kahr also suggests that the fierce crosswind may have been a factor, but Pirmin Zurbriggen, who yesterday added the combined gold to his major title and Doug Lewis, third on Sunday for the United States, rightfully say that it was the same for all. "The wind just made me tuck tighter", said Lewis.

There is for Kahr no avoiding the fact that his team performed below potential, and he admits that Klammer, with all his experience, was probably psychologically the strongest on the day. How can the situation be corrected?

Kahr says defensively that Austria were handicapped by the absence through injury of Resch and Pfaffenbrichler, which deprived the team of pre-selection competition in training. What he concedes is that the present long-term system of preparation may need changing.

"All our younger racers should be developed in at least two disciplines rather than specialize in one, as a condition of their selection", he says. "We must concentrate on producing racers who are flexible, and can handle all courses, not just what we call an 'autobahn piste', where weight is important. I am optimistic because we have a very good junior team, but it is obvious we need to do more work at downhill, though this is difficult because training can often be dangerous.

"The Swiss perhaps have an advantage because they have a smaller team than we do. There is the possibility that because we have so many competitors we discard too soon those who might develop late. There is so much pressure from young racers coming up that senior racers are perhaps lacking a sense of security". Could this be the reason for the psychological shortcomings last Sunday?

Kahr denies any advantage to the Swiss from the fact that the course was set, as in Sarajevo, by Karl Freshner, of Switzerland. "Zurbriggen and Muller don't need special designs" says Kahr magnanimously.

It is being rumoured that this will be Kahr's last season before becoming general coordinator of national coaching: More money and less travel, more time to devote to his personal skischool, restaurant and sports shop. Karl Schranz, an influential member of the Austrain federation, says he thinks Kahr will probably continue as chief coach, for all the talk, and he denies that the post could go to Klammer.

Schranz says enigmastically: "Klammer was a great downhiller, but as a coach he might be more of a slalom specialists." That would seem to be an oblique analogy to negotiating difficult gates and to Klammer's known wish to establish a breakaway professional circuit.

With his own personal ski to be marketed this year, Klammer is not short of money or interests. It seems unlikely that he will lead a coaching revolution which might restore Austrian morale.

Zurbriggen strikes again

Bormio, Italy (Reuter) – Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzerland, won his second gold medal of the World Championship yesterday, adding the men's combined title to the downhill crown which he won on Sunday. Switzerland have so far won all the gold medals at this championships. Zurbriggen the World Cup holder, did not win yesterday's slalom half of the combined event, but he did not have to. Fifth place gave him a comfortable triumph after his victory last Friday in the combination downhill, the first half of the combined event. It is the first Swiss victory in this event.

"I felt easy and relaxed. There were no problems," Zurbriggen said. "I had two very god runs and I'm very happy to win a second world title. I felt pretty certain I could take this title. Now I'm looking forward to the giant slalom tomorrow, but it will be tougher."

Ernst Riedlsperger, of Austria, took the silver medal by finishing second in the slalom yesterday after being 22nd in the combination downhill. The slalom was won by Zurbriggen's team colleague Thomas Buergler, who finished fastest in both legs to take the bronze

Zurbriggens's task yesterday was made easier when his team colleague, Peter Luescher, second after the combination downhill, missed a gate on the first leg and was disqualified. Anton Steiner, of Austria, who was originally fourth in the slalom, also missed a gate and was disqualified.

Erika Hess, the World Cup holder, who won the womens's combined title on Tuesday defends her giant slalom crown today, while tomorrow Zurbrigge attempts to win his third gold medal in the men's giant slalom.

SLALOM: 1, T Buergler (Switz), 1min 36.83sec; 2, E Riedlsperger (Austria), 1:37.31; 3, M Vion (Fr), 1:37.36; 4, I Edalini (It), 1:37.54; 5, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 1:37.82; 6, R Erlacher (It), 1:38.52; 7, Y Tavernier (Fr), 1:38.02; 8, A Wenzel (Liech), 1:39.08; 9, G Mader (Austria), 1:39.74; 10, W Stefanov (Bul), 1:40.61. British placings: 21, F Burton, 1:54.19; 24, N Smith, 1:55.31; 34, M Blyth, 2:19.95; 38, M Bell, 2:31.18.

COMBINED: 1, Zurbriggen, 7.67pts; 2, Riedlsperger, 37.64; 3, Buergler, 39.41; 4, Wenzel, 48.41; 5, Vion, 50.38; 6, Piccard (Fr), 55.14; 7, Wasmeier (WGI, 56.05; 8, Mader, 61.56; 9, Tavernier, 81.08; 10, Erlacher, 86.13. British placings: 21, Smith, 185.10; 22, Burton, 203.09; 32, Blyth, 380.28; 35, Bell, 453.22.

Bubka's approach enables him to scale heights no other vaulter can reach

The Russian who is poles apart in the space race

It takes a special sort of person to halt a headlong sprint by hoisting himself upside down on top of a pole, which at first threatens to collapse beneath him, but then catapults him over 20 feet into the air. The young master of this esoteric pursuit, which is as dangerous as it is spectacular is Sergei Bubka, a 21-year-old physical education student from the Ukrainian town of Donetsk.

If there were only one reason to mourn the Soviet boycott of the Olympics at Los Angeles, it would be the absence of Bubka. The man who won the world championship in his first international competition, and last year broke the world record four times and the indoor world best three times in the pole vault would have been a stronger favourite to win than Carl Lewis.

"He's completely unafraid. He's exceptional physically, technically and competitively, he's taking all aspects of the vault to the ultimate," said Steve Chappell, a former British international vaulter, who now lives in the United States, and works for the Pacer company which makes Bubka's poles.

We were dining with Bubka, his elder brother Vassily and their coach, Vitaly Petrov in their hotel in Birmingham, following the recent AAA indoor championships at nearby Cosford. Sergei had experienced what we can be sure is only a temporary hiatus in his competitive results.

Vassily had beaten him on one of the few occasions since they had stopped using the prop and clothes line in the back garden 10 years ago, and been enticed into Petrove's gymnasium in Donetsk.

Sergei never intendedto compete this winter, but Petrov had been invited to give a paper at the European Coaches' Congress in Birmingham, concurrent with the AAA meeting. That tied in neatly with the first World Indoor Games in Paris the previous weekend, and the Soviet federation pressured their best competitor and his coach to go there too.

Despite five days in bed with influenza, Bubka got up to beat Thierry Vigneron, a Frenchman who has regularly found Bubka as insurmountable as Napoleon found the Moscow winter.

Like all good coaches, Petrov is loath to praise his champion openly, even going so far as to question a translation of his comments. "I didn't say he was talented, I said he had abilities. But he does work hard," conceded Petrov, as Bubka rolled his eyes in mock resignation.

His large peasant's face and ingenuous attitude belie his intelligence. He is eager to learn English, and repeats the headline of the programme notes on himself until he hits a very passable pronunciation. He nods with satisfaction.

We first met at Crystal Palace last June, after Bubka had set one of his world records. Copy had been filed, athletes had showered. And everyone, including Bubka's colleagues, were in the bar of the nearby hotel celebrating his achievement in a Volga of beer.

Bubka was upstairs in his room with a glass of lemonade, too excited to sleep. His English was even more rudimentary at the time, but the impression was of his utmost gratitude that someone should be so interested in his feat. It was a sobering experience.

If his coach will not extol his virtues, Chappell, whose 5.20 metres 10 years ago is embarrassingly close to what the current British vaulters are doing, certainly will. Like everyone else, Chappell had gone to the first world championships in Helsinki in 1983 never having heard of Bubka. The then 19-year-old had only vaulted 5.55 metres in a country that boasted a dozen vaulters over 5.65 metres. But the selectors had evidently seen young Bubka in competition.

"We took some poles to Helsinki for Volkov and Polkakov (the other Soviet vaulters), and the team management asked if Bubka could use one. They were 5.20 poles (metres in length), but he didn't have time to familiarize himself with them. He won with an old five metres pole."

On his first visit outside the Soviet Union, and in appalling weather that had held up the competition, Bubka was the only athlete to raise his personal best, and he won the gold medal with 5.70 metres.

Three months later, Bubka embarked on an annus mirabilis, which was only marred by the Olympic boycott. In the Soviet town of Vilnius on January 15, he set a world indoor best of 5.81 metres. Two weeks later in Milan, he raised it to 5.82 metres. Then in Los Angeles on February 19, with Billy Olsen of the United States equalling his previous world best of 5.80 metres, Bubka vaulted 5.83 metres, the same height as Vigneron's outdoor record.

Olsen was astonished at the youngsters strength and control, and gave the first insight as to why Bubka was so good, notwithstanding his evident combativeness. Bubka was now using the 5.20m pole (the longest available) and holding it at 5.13 metres, compared with the 4.85 metres grip of Olsen and the other leading vaulters. "He's changing the way we all look at the pole vault. You're just not going to beat the guy by holding the pole a foot lower", said Olsen.

Bubka hiked up the outdoor world record by 11 centimetres last summer, reaching the current apogee in Rome on September 1. His competitive tenacity was never better manifested than on that balmy night in the Studio Olimpico, for Vigneron was there too, and late in the evening, the Frenchman set a world record of 5.91 metres.

Gallic jubilation lasted for just five minutes. On the stroke of midnight, Bubka turned Vigneron back into an ex-world record holder, when he vaulted 5.94 metres. Bubka also became the first man to attempt six metres that night.

It is a barrier akin to the four minute mile 30 years ago and Bubka is young for an event which requires so much technical skill.

Bubka shrugs at the mention of the six metres barrier. But he had revealed in Paris that he trains with a length of elastic stretched between the uprights at 6.40 metres! This is one form of space flight where the Soviet Union have an unbeatable lead.

Pat Butcher



On the up and up: Bubka about to clear 5.88m and set another world record in beating Vigneron in Paris, the Frenchman's home town.

RUGBY UNION

Exeter hope to master favourites

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Loughborough University, the winners of the Universities' Athletic Union (UAU) championship on 18 occasions, hope to reach another final when they play Exeter University at Stroud today. Although they have only five survivors from the team who won last year's final they will probably start favourites against a side still seeking that elusive first UAU title.

Burnhill, who toured South Africa with England last summer, made a late start to the season after recovering from an operation on his knee but is back in the centre, while in front of him the Loughborough forwards include two players who have represented Bath, Morrison at lock and Robinson on the flank.

The other semi-final, to be played at Leeds University, features last season's losing finalists, Nottingham, against those traditional UAU contenders, Durham. After an indifferent start Durham have established a more disciplined approach and are running into form. At the weekend they beat Blaydon for the first time in 12 years and will be looking to Oti on the left wing to add to his list of tries.

Nottingham are led from lock by Brennan, a Welsh schools cap and one of only four players remaining from last year. That quartet includes Ward, the regular loose prop for the Nottingham club, and Lambert, who hooked for England schools two years ago. The postponed quarter-final in the British Polytechnics Cup will also be played today, Bristol and Thames contesting a place against Coventry next week. The other semi-final will be between Leeds and Polytechnic of Wales, who beat Kingston, the cup-holders, in the challenge round.

Smith rested

Simon Smith, the England wing injured in the international against France on Saturday, is rested for the Wasps game against Cambridge University at Cambridge on Saturday. Pellow replaces him.

Milne fit again

Iain Milne, who missed Scotland's defeat by Ireland on Saturday, has recovered from a knee injury and plays for Harlequins at Llanelli this Saturday. Milne is one of seven internationals in the Quins side.

CORRECTION

Contrary to what was stated in *The Times* yesterday, Marshall Uretzky did not resign as coach of Southampton Vikings, the ice hockey club. In fact, Elmer Jones resigned as coach and was replaced by Uretzky.

ROWING

Reininger in a strong position

By Jim Railton

Oxford have almost completed their nine selections for the Boat Race on April 6, with only the stroke and tail of the boat to be decided. Chris Bourne, who has stroked the last two winning trial eights and a man of rhythm, appears to have missed the boat. His dry land tests and set racing results undermined his chances and he will now lead Isis in the mini Boat Race half an hour before the main event.

The present incumbent is the American freshman, "Nuke" Reininger, who took over from the Australian Blue and last year's president, Graham Jones, last week and led Oxford to impressive victories over London University during the weekend on the Tideway. Reininger is a Pan-American champion in coxed fours and Jones a world finalist in the same event. Jones, however, appears happier at 6 in the engine room.

The configuration of the Oxford crew was changed over the weekend in the sharp end. The man on the borderline is Philp, who rowed at 3 on Saturday but gave way the next day to the Isis oarsman, Thomas. If Philp gains a place in the Oxford crew he will be the first oarsman to have rowed for both Oxford and Cambridge in the Boat Race. Philp rowed in the 1983 Boat Race for Cambridge and in last year's winning Goldie crew.

The Oxford president, Lynton Richmond, has the advantage of being able to row on either bow or stroke side and during the weekend was at two and in the bow seat. Another strong contender for a place is the Canadian freshman, Evans, whose brothers, Mike and Mark, rowed in last year's record-breaking Boat Race crew and went on to become Olympic champions in eights.

Ladbroke's, the sponsors of the Boat Race, must be rubbing their hands at so much potential publicity for this year's race, including the possibility of Cambridge selecting a woman coxswain, Henrietta Shaw. Isis, too, may have a woman cox on board.

The coach, Daniel Topolski, must be feeling the strain, having coached Oxford for almost two months, with the critical final fortnight on the Tideway also part of his brief. "It has been important for me this year to concentrate on the technique area", he said.

OXFORD: C L B Richmond (St Edward's and Christ Church), bow; A M S Thomas (Winchester and Pembroke); G J Cartledge (Hampton and New College); T E Evans (Ottawa University and University College); P M Hare (St Albans and Balliol); *D L Jones (Sydney University and New College); *W J Lang (Wallington and Magdalen); F M Reininger (Pennsylvania University and University College), stroke; *S Leaser (Princetown, US, and Magdalen), cox. (*R M Philp (Downing, Cambridge and Worcester) rowed in place of Thomas on Saturday.)
* A Blue.

SQUASH RACKETS

Kenyon falls from grace

By Colin McQuillan

Philip Kenyon, the former national champion, has dropped from 10th to 21st place on the new world ranking list issued by the International Squash Player's Association. It is the first time Kenyon has been outside the top 16 players from whom the seedings of all major tournaments are drawn, and it is because of an unhappy coincidence of injury, illness and loss of confidence.

Kenyon now faces the unfamiliar prospect of meeting in early rounds the likes of the unbeatable Jahangir Khan, the fast-rising Ross Norman and Geoff Williams, the British champion, who put him out of the national semi-finals in straight games.

Williams has exchanged 11th and 12th positions with Gawain Briars, while Hiddy Jahan, who is competing for Williams's top domestic ranking, has dropped from sixth to ninth position.

The most startling rise is that of Norman to third in the world. The New Zealander smashed his left knee in a parachuting accident 18 months ago

WORLD RANKINGS: 1, J Khan (Pakk; 2, Q Zaman (Pak); 3, R Norman (NZ); 4, C Ditmer (Aus); 5, D Williams (Aus); 6, G Pollard (Aus); 7, S Davenport (NZ); 8, M Ahmad (Pak); 9, H Jahan (Engl; 10, R Thorne (Aus); 11, G Williams (Engl; 12, G Briars (Engl; 13, G Brumby (Aus); 14, G Awad (Egypt); 15, R Hill (Aus); 16, M Said (Egypt). Other English placings: 21, P Kenyon; 25, J Hickox; 27, D Lloyd; 29, M Bodimeade; 33, D Lee; 47, A Naylor; 50, N Harvey.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Milk Cup
Fifth round, second replay
Chelsea v Sheffield Wednesday

Freight Rover Trophy
First round, first leg
Derby v Walsall
Hereford v Bristol City
Reading v Brentford

First round, second leg
Bradford City v Scunthorpe (4-1)
Exeter v Newport (0-3)
Lincoln v Hartlepool (1-2)
Mansfield v Hull (2-2).

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Barnsley (7.0); Huddersfield Town v West Bromwich Albion. Second division: Bolton Wanderers v Middlesbrough (7.0); Port Vale v Doncaster Rovers (7.0); York City v Hull City (7.0).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Fulham v Birmingham City (2.0); Ipswich Town v Charlton Athletic (2.0); Millwall v Bristol Rovers (2.0).

FA TROPHY: Second round replay: Worthing v Maidstone.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Second division north: Flackwell Heath v Hemel Hempstead.

LONDON SENIOR CUP: First round: Beckton v Pennant (at Woodford Town FC).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dallow Cup: Third round: Kings Lynn v VS Rugby. Third round replay: Watford v Basingstoke.

ALLDERS SURREY SENIOR CUP: First round: Addleston and Weybridge v Egham.

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Aberystwyth v Exeter (at Cardiff, University); Hull v Sheffield (at York University).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: RAF v British Fire Services (at RAF Uxbridge, 2.30).

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Soham v Felixstowe.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Civil Service v The Army (2.30); Cross Keys v Tredegar (7.0); Glamorgan Wanderers v Lydney (7.15); Llanelli v South Glamorgan Institute (7.0); Newbridge v Newport (7.0); Oxford University v Royal Navy (2.30).

UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Loughborough v Exeter (at Stroud, 2.30); Durham v Nottingham (at Leeds University, 2.0).

BRITISH POLYTECHNICS CUP: Quarter-final; Bristol v Thames (2.30).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: London University Colleges v Bristol Polytechnics (at Motspur Park, 2.30); Combined London Old v Kent Clubs (at Old Alleynians RFC, 2.30); Surrey v United Banks (at Esher RFC, 6.30). Cambridge University v The Luddites (at Grande Road).

OTHER MATCH: Ulster v Middlesex.

HOCKEY

UAU CHAMPIONSHIPS: Semi-final: Exeter v Nottingham (at Bisham Abbey, 12.15).

UAU WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Loughborough v Exeter (at East Gloucester Club, Cheltenham, 2.0); Newcastle v Manchester (at York University, 2.0).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Cambridge University v Royal Navy (at Fenner's, 2.30); Oxford University v RAF (2.30).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Hemel and Watford Royals v Sunderland Mecetros; Homespire Bolton v Kingcraft Kingston (8.0); John Carr Doncaster v Walkers Crisps Leicester (8.0); Nissen Worthing Bears v Coltrils Manchester Giants (6.0).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Embassy world indoor championships (at Coatbridge, 10.30).

SNOOKER: English professional championships (at Ipswich).

SQUASH RACKETS: Inter Services championships (at Lee-on-Solent).

TENNIS: LTA men's satellite tournament (at Telford).

FOOTBALL

Telford ahead of Everton in queue to cash in on cup tie

The non-league club, Telford United, are in line for a £50,000 bonus from their FA Cup Fifth round trip to Everton. The Cup holders expect at least 35,000 supporters to watch the Gola League conquerors of Lincoln City, Preston North End, Bradford City and Darlington, bringing in receipts of at least £100,000, of which Telford are entitled to half, after expenses.

Receipts are usually split three ways, clubs keeping a third each, with the rest going into the Cup pool. This does not happen in the case of non-league teams as they do not qualify for a share of the pool at the end of the season. Instead, they keep 50 per cent of the receipts from each match they play.

Telford will do better out of the game financially than Everton, who will collect their usual 33½ per cent, with 16⅔ per cent going into the pool.

The 92 Canon League clubs collected around £12,600 each last year from the pool, less than the figure for 1982-83, when the total was £1.3 million.

The Everton manager, Howard Kendall, watched Telford crush Darlington 3-0 on Monday night in a fourth round replay. He said: "This team would not be out of place in the third division. I was impressed by both their workrate and their skill. When we play them at Goodison we shall give them all the respect that we would give Liverpool or Arsenal."

Telford stunned Darlington with three memorable goals, from Mather and Hogan in the first half and Alcock immediately after the break.

Telford are in the last 16 for the first time in their history but are no strangers to the FA Cup. Since 1982, they have played 15 ties against League clubs and have won eight and drawn five. Their other victims were Wigan Athletic, Stockport County, Northampton Town and Rochdale: they have never met a first division club before. Only three other non-League sides have reached the fifth round in the last 65 years: Colchester United, Yeovil Town and Blyth Spartans.

Dave Bassett left Upton Park on Monday night eagerly anticipating a lucrative derby with West Ham United which will push Wimbledon's cup profit towards £50,000.

The Wimbledon manager was relieved to see West Ham recover from a first-half setback and beat Norwich City 2-1, Earning a fifth round trip across London to Plough Lane. "We wanted a London derby because West Ham will bring enough fans to boost the crowd near 18,000", Bassett said.

"We knew we faced a tough task whoever we played and that was confirmed last night. West Ham have some fine players like Alvin Martin and Paul Allen while Geoff Pike is a model of consistency. There are sure to be some fireworks in the next round."

All the fireworks were from Norwich until West Ham took control after an hour by scoring two goals in two minutes, Pike's volley and a Stewart penalty wiping out Donowa's goal in a first half dominated by the visitors.

Norwich exposed the lack of experience in West Ham's midfield, a deficiency the manager, John Lyall, is trying to remedy by signing the Dutchman, Johann Neeskens. Lyall remains optimistic of signing the 33-year-old, who has played in three European Cup and two World Cup finals, depite reports that Neeskens will join the Duch club, Groningen.

"I have spoken to Johann and suggested he spends a few days looking at our setup," Lyallsaid. I think he has had offers but I an optimistic about the chance of signing him. He would be a useful player to have with our current injury situation."



We'll meet again: Dixon (left) and Marwood expect to renew rivalry.

Old rivals sweat it out again

By Clive White

You would have thought that Sheffield Wednesday and Chelsea knew everything about each other barring the name of their preferred anti-perspirant after being locked in uncompromising combat for three and half hours.

But yesterday Howard Wilkinson, the Wednesday manager, said that watching Chelsea's 3–2 FA Cup home defeat by Millwall on Monday night had been "very useful" with regard to their Milk Cup fifth round second replay at Stamford Bridge tonight.

Since Wednesday also played Chelsea in a league game only in December (a draw, of course) the presence of Wilkinson and his assistant, Peter Eustace, at Stamford Bridge on Monday was hardly a compulsory spying mission you would have thought, but Wilkinson's confidence, at least, was bolstered. He said: "We learnt a bit more. It was very useful

Then again, Wednesday have not beaten Chelsea in nine cup meetings. The 71st minute penalty goal by Millwall's Lovell which prevented another replay for Chelsea must have almost drawn a sigh of relief from Chelsea's weary young men. Since Chelsea's enormous effort to make fit their frozen pitch for a league game against Arsenal two weeks ago they have run into an avalanche of fixtures: the league game against Aston Villa on Saturday will be their seventh in 15 days.

Dixon, the league's leading scorer, may have been grateful for the one match respite with a groin strain from which he is now expected to return. With Davies ineligible, along with Wood, the goalscoring – if not the penalty taking – responsibility rests largely on him.

It was his penalty miss – his third of the season – in the first tie between the two teams which led to the unnecessary but welcome extension of this exciting series.

His mental abberations from 12 yards is shared by four teammates to the disquieting proportion of 11 penalty failures in 17 attempts. Davies, the Welsh striker, admits that there is now a psychological barrier, but Speedie, who missed one three minutes from the end against Millwall, has insisted that he still wants the job.

Wednesday lost a three-goal lead in the first replay before Sterland, with the obligatory penalty in the last minute, earned another replay. They expect Marwood to recover from a back strain and Chelsea may recall Bumstead to freshen the midfield.

Graham dreams of a return to Wembley

George Graham, a member of the Arsenal side that won the FA Cup in 1970-71, believes he has a fine chance of returning to Wembley this season. Graham, manager of third division Millwall, is looking forward to the home tie against Leicester in the fifth round of the Cup.

Graham described Millwall's 3-2 win over Chelsea on Monday as the "best night of my managerial career." He said: "We didn't play that well in the first half. Chelsea didn't let us settle. They are very competitive and I expect Leicester to be the same. It will be a hard game but we, too, must be treated with respect."

Steve Lovell put Millwall ahead after 17 minutes, and Chelsea hit back after the interval through Nigel Spackman (54 mins) and Paul Canoville, after 58.

Millwall equalised through John Fashanu three minutes later and then Lovell showed Chelsea the way to take penalties when he sent goalkeeper Eddie Niedzwiecki the wrong way after 71 minutes. That was Lovell's 22nd goal of the season and Hollins inquired: "Can we borrow him?"

It was an understandable remark after David Speedie's eighty-seventh minute miss from the penalty spot – the eleventh by Chelsea in the last 17 attempts. "I don't know who to try next", said Hollins.

Even as they basked in their glory Millwall were still arguing about both Chelsea goals and the late penalty incident. They claim that Nigel Spackman was offside for the first and that Paul Canoville handled as he burst through to put the home side 2–1 ahead.

They also believe that Gordon Davies dived in the area to give Speedie his opportunity from the penalty spot.

Monday's results

FA CUP: Fourth round: Chelsea 2, Millwall 3 (Millwall at home to Leicester City); West Ham 2, Norwich City 1 (West Ham away to Wimbledon); Telford United 3, Darlington 0 (Telford away to Everton).
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: First round, second leg: Stockport County 0, Burnley 1 (agg. 1-6).
SCOTTISH CUP: Second round replay: Stenhousemuir 0, Stranraer 2. Third round: Airdrie 0, Falkirk 3; Cowdenbeath 0, St Mirren 4; Dundee United 3, Hibernian 0; Forfar 1, Clydebank 0. Third round replay: Clyde 1, Raith 2.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Mossley 2, Southport 0.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First round: Blackburn 3, Nottingham Forest 1.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Corby 2, Shepshed 0. Midland division: Hednesford 2, Forest Green 0.
SURREY SENIOR CUP: First round: Croydon 3, Metropolitan Police 0.
ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Quarter-final: Chelmsford City 2, Billericay Town 0.
SCHOOLS MATCH: Barclays Bank ESFA under-19 competition: Southend HS 5, Highbury Grove 4.

RUGBY UNION
UNIVERSITY MATCH: Oxford 12, Edinburgh 9.





Managers Stan Storton (left) and Dave Bassett are guiding Telford and Wimbledon to big pay days.

Metaxa uncorks some Old Etonian spirit

By George Chesterton

In the Arthur Dunn Cup quarter-final at Aldenham, the Old Etonians beat Old Aldenhamians 2-1. Metaxa scored first for Old Etonians after half an hour, when he gathered a cross from the right and scored from 10 yards. Just before half-time Davis for the Old Aldenhamians equalized with a header.

Old Aldenhamians controlled midfield during the second half but could not create scoring chances. With only 15 minutes to go, they gave away a penalty and Metaxa made no mistake.

The Old Malvernians entertained Old Bradfieldians and also won 2-1. The first half was even, although Old Malvernians had two good chances, Manson saving well from shots by Gilbert and Holliday.

Nonetheless it was Old Bradfieldians who scored first, midway through the second half. Chesney ran through on the right, passed to Carne who slipped the ball past Ashworth. Malvern immediately came back and Saunders equalized with a header. Ten minutes from time Bridle, playing his 65th Dunn Cup match, passed to Gilbert who shot home from close range.

On Saturday Lancing OB play the Old Carthusians, a repeat of last year's final, which was won 2-0 by Lancing. The remaining quarter-final is between Forest and the Old Reptonians, but will not be played until February 16.

World Cup preparations underway

Europeans get a taste of Mexican flavour

Queretaro, Mexico (AP) – The national teams of Mexico, Poland, Bulgaria and Switzerland are competing this week in a tournament to inaugurate the Corregidora Stadium, one of 12 venues for the 1986 World Cup.

The stadium in this city, 138 miles north-west of Mexico City, has a capacity of 40,643. The tournament started yesterday with Mexico playing Poland and Bulgaria versus Switzerland. Today Mexico play Switzerland and Bulgaria meet Poland.

Also attending the inauguration are Joao Havelange, the president of FIFA, and other top international football officials.

Hermann Neuberger, a FIFA vice-president, has already received reports on the expansion and modification projects for the 12 stadiums to be used for the World Cup.

Octavio Fernandez, a spokesman for the Mexican World Cup organizing committee, said Neuberger would now decide later which stadiums in nine Mexican cities to inspect personally.

Neuberger said the review was routine. "It's practically a courtesy visit, since the organizing capacity of Mexico is well-known throughout the world."

During his current visit, Neuberger has met with Guillermo Canedo, president of the organizing committee for the 1986 World Cup. Local press reports have said they discussed points related to ticket sales and the financial situation regarding television advertisements and commercial endorsements.

Neuberger said that he does not plan to return to Mexico again until December, when the draw will be held to determine the groupings for the 24 teams in the tournament.

As the hosts, Mexico qualify for the tournament automatically. The only other team already certain for 1986 are defending champions, Italy. Switzerland, currently leading Group Six in the World Cup qualifying games in Europe, arrived on Saturday night from Bogota, Colombia. Their coach, Paul Wolfisberg, said he was optimistic about the team's chances of returning to Mexico for the World Cup.

"We have played two games so far and we have won them both," he said of the qualifying tournament. "We have to play the Soviet Union soon and, if we win, our chances of being here for the World Cup will be very good."

Bulgaria are tied for second place with Yugoslavia in Group Four. The Bulgarians lost 2-1 last week to a team of players from the professional teams in Mexico's Jalisco state. "The trip affected us last week," said their coach Ivan Vutzov. "Our rhythm was off."

Poland's coach, Antoni Piechniczek, said that he did not know much about the Mexican team other than it had had a good year in 1984. "We came here to train our players and to provide a good show," he said. Poland lead Group One.

The three European teams are fighting for a place in the 24-team World Cup competition next year, and the tournament here will give them a chance to acclimatize to weather conditions.

Mexico are coached by Yugoslavian-born Bora Milutinovic, who has chosen 31 players for the tournament. It will be the first match of the year for the Mexican team, after fairly successful visits to Europe and South America during 1984.

Brazil appoint Macedo as new manager

Rio de Janeiro (AFP) – The Brazilian football federation (CBF), having failed to persuade two former managers to take over the national team again, yesterday named Evaristo Macedo as the new manager of Brazil.

The CBF had been unable to reach a compromise with Saudi Arabia for the return of Tele Santana, their manager at the 1982 World Cup finals, while another former national manager, Mario Zagalo, refused the post.

Now in charge of Flamengo, Zagalo was the Brazilian manager at the 1974 World Cup finals. But on the advice of his family, he refused to take up the post for a second time.

"I have already done a lot for Brazilian football and I don't want to have to put up again with the kind of criticism and insults which followed the 1974 finals", he said.

Macedo, aged 52, a member of the Flamengo side which won the Brizilian title three years in a row in the mid-fifties, steered Qatar to the runners-up position in the World Youth Cup and then took the same country through to the finals of last year's Los Angeles Olympic tournament.

Macedo says he will be basing his side on youth because it would be difficult for him to count on Brazil's Italian-based players like Socrates, Zico and Falcao. Brazil's opening game in the 1986 World Cup South American qualifying group three, is in Bolivia on June 2.

● THE HAGUE, (Reuter) – **A Dutchman, Leo Beenhakker, has been appointed manager of the Netherlands team until June 1 as a replacement for Rinus Michels, who recently suffered a heart attack, the Dutch Football Association (KNVB) has said.**

Beenhakker, aged 42, is the manager of the first division club, Volendam.



Cunningham: appearances limited since arrival of Melrose

Newcastle agree to pay £75,000 for Cunningham

Newcastle have agreed to pay £75,000 for Tony Cunningham, a Manchester City forward. He travelled to Newcastle yesterday to settle his personal terms with the manager, Jack Charlton. City signed Cunningham from Sheffield Wednesday for £90,000 at the start of the season. He played in their first 21 games, scoring four goals.

Since Jim Melrose arrived at Maine Road from Celtic, Cunningham's appearances have been limited to one. The money from the transfer fee might tempt Billy McNeill, City manager, to buy Ken MacNaught from West Bromwich. McNaught is on loan to City until the end of the month. He has made seven appearances as been a lucky omen – they have not lost with him in the team.

● Kenny Burns, Derby County's former Scottish international defender, is to join Notts County on a month's loan that could become a permanent signing.

● Middlesbrough have failed in a second attempt to get approval for a new share issue. A shareholders' meeting has been adjourned until February 18 for further discussion at the request of two shareholders. A director, Peter Cook, said the latest move has angered the board when the club are in desperate need of extra capital. Middlesbrough are £1 million in debt and fighting for second division survival. The board wants to increase the share issue from £2,000 to £100,000 as part of a package worked out with the club's bankers.

● Hartlepool have been saved from financial ruin by an agreement with a former chairman, Vincent Baker, who has withdrawn his threat to wind up the fourth division club, thanks to a loa from the Professional Footballers' Association, the club have reached an agreement with Barker over an £82,000 debt. The new chairman, John Smart, said, "It will take us until the middle of 1988 to settle the debt but the alternative was that the club should fold. This was the only course of action we could take."

● Ian Banks, the Leicester City winger yesterday came off the transfer list at his own request. He returned to the first team recently. The manager, Gordon Milne, said: "I am pleased he has taken this action. He has certainly been doing us proud recently."

● Derek Statham, a West Bromwich Albion full back, went into hospital yesterday for a minor knee operation and is likely to miss Saturday's home game wit Sunderland.

IN BRIEF

Warrington winger suspended again

Phil Ford, Warrington's Welsh international winger, has been suspended for the second time in 15 months for a breach of club discipline (Keith Macklin writes). He has been left out of the Warrington team to play Southend Invicta in the Challenge Cup first round on Sunday after missing last Sunday's League game with Bradford Northern. The Warrington coach and manager, Reg Bowden, said: "It is an internal club matter and we do not want to discuss it."

RUGBY UNION: The England internationals, Rob Andrew and Kevin Simms, are in the Cambridge University team to play the Luddites, a Yorkshire invitation side, at Grange Road today. The new captain, Gavin Hastings, the Scotland 'B' full back, returns after injury.
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: G Hastings (capt), A Harrims, J Wylie, K Simms, P Michaelson; R Andrew, R Moon; R Steed, P Combe, T Bomhwick, S O'Leary, J Palomba, P Holmes, P Green, M Eberlin.

CRICKET: Dropped catches denied the defending champions, Barbados, of victory in their Shell Shield Caribbean championship match against Guyana in Bridgetown on Monday. Barbados seemed poised to take the match when they had Guyana at 50 for four. But they dropped Timur Mohamed (61) five times and had to settle for a draw. Livingstone Lawrence of the Leeward Islands missed a century by seven runs but steered his team to a draw against the championship leaders, Trinidad and Tobago, in Port-of-Spain.

DRESSAGE: Jennie Loriston-Clarke, Britain's top rider, is to be sponsored by the London recruitment agency, Masterlock, this year, for a minimum of £5,000 for her two horses, White Christmas and Chaterstone Dutch Bid. The one-year contract has an option to extend.

CYCLING: Charly Mottet of France, the winner of last September's Tour de France – won the opening event of the new professional season at the Besseges Cycling Week yesterday.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Student in $7m deal

New York (Reuter) A Boston College quarter-back, Doug Flutie, has signed a five-year contract worth $7m with the New Jersey Generals of the fledgling United States Football League.

Flutie, who won the Heisman Trophy as the top collegiate football player in 1984, holds the college record for highest numbers of yards passed in a career and became an overnight hero with a last-second touchdown pass against Miami last autumn.

The contract is the most lucrative for any football player entering the game in either the established National Football League or the USFL, which will start its third season this month and switch to a fall scheduled in 1986.

"I'm excited about playing under coach Walt Michaels with the record he's had in the past years", Flutie told a press conference. "I'm excited about playing with a guy like Herschel Walker (1982 Heisman Trophy winner) in the backfield. The whole situation seems perfect for me".

ICE SKATING

Russian in circus trimmings has ring of confidence

From John Hennessy, Göteborg

The Olympic and world women's figure skating champion, Katarina Witt, of East Germany, came spectacularly unstuck on the second day of the European championships here yesterday. She could finish only fourth in the short programme, and so yielded first place to the Soviet champion, Kira Ivanova. Miss Ivanova was runner-up to Miss Witt in last year's world championships.

Claudia Leistner, of West Germany, along with Miss Ivanova one of the few who survived the various traps laid by the short programme, was second yesterday and has risen to third overall. Susan Jackson, the British champion, failed with a double axel but in spite of that she was eleventh in the short and has climbed a place to eleventh overall.

Miss Witt, now 19, has put on weight since last year, not all of it in the right places, and she seemeed sluggish and lacking in sparkle. After the exhuberant performance of Miss Ivanova, the East German's skating seemed pallid stuff though it was surprising to see the judges having the courage to mark her as low as 4.8 in one case. That amounted almost to *lese majesté*, given Miss Witt's hitherto queenly command of the arena. Her one principle failing, the lack of a triple jump in the combination placed dangerously near the barrier, was a glaring signal that all was not well.

Miss Ivanova, on the other hand, skated so brilliantly that one was driven into forgiving her for a costume borrowed, one might guess, from a third rate circus. She performed all the elements without a flaw and achieved marks as high as 5.8, ordinarily the perogative of Miss Witt.

Miss Leistner, a surprising runner-up in the world championships at her first attempt in 1983, appears to be making a brave recovery from the injury that bedevilled her chances last year. In terms of technical difficulty she went one better than Miss Ivanova by placing the triple toe loop second in the combination.

Even so the combined marks require her to surpass both Miss Ivanova and Miss Witt by two places in tomorrow night's free skating, which seems highly improbable. There is a margin of only six tenths of a point between the Soviet skater and the East German, which means that Miss Witt, supposing she still has the nerve for the battle, has only to beat Miss Ivanova in the free to retain her title.

Miss Jackson opened with a scintillating triple toe loop in the combination and a beaming smile split her face but all too soon she made a serious mistake in the double axel and clattered to the ice in an ungainly heap.

The men's competition also suffered a dramatic upheaval in the compulsory figures. After two exercises Vladimir Kotin stood impressively in first place, poised therefore to retain for the Soviet Union the title won by Alexander Fadeyev (now injured) last year, but his reputation for fallibility with the loops was upheld and hedropped to fourth place.

From being 1.2 and 1.8 points respectively ahead of his most obvious challengers Josef Sabovcik of Czechoslovakia, and Heiko Fischer, of West Germany, he languishes 1.6 and 0.6 behind them now.

The winner yesterday was Fernand Fedronic, a French specialist n compulsory figures who will expect subside gently as the remaing section of the competition unfold today and on Friday.

Stephen Pickavance, the champion, was sixteenth of 21 skaters in his first attempt at this level of competition, sustaining the sad decline of British skating in this area since the retirement of Robin Cousins in 1980.

Men's compulsory figures:
1 F Fedronic (Fr) 0.8 pnts, 2. J Sabovcik (Cz) 1.2, 3. H Fischer (WG) 1.8, 4. V Kotin (USSR) 2.4, 5. G Filipowski (Pol) 3.0, 6. L Akasson (Swe) 3.6, 7. R Zander (WG) 4.2, 8. V Petrenko (USSR) 4.6, 9. F Kirsten (EG) 5.4, 10. P Barna (Cz) 6.0, 18. S Pickavance (GB) 9.6.

BOWLS

Baker has measure of McCartney

By Gordon Allan

Jim Baker, of Belfast, the defending champion, won his first match in the Embassy world indoor championship on the relaid carpet at Coatbridge yesterday. He beat Frank McCartney, the Scottish champion from Irvine, Ayrshire, 21-18. In the quarter-final round tomorrow he plays Ron Jones, of Canada.

It was a longer, tighter and more economical battle than at one time seemed likely. McCartney recovered doggedly from arrears of 11-3 and 17-10 to be all square at 17-17. He favoured short jacks and they brought him regular reward. But Baker adapted coolly enough and his nerve held towards the finish of a match that lasted 30 ends. It was fitting perhaps that a measure should have been needed on the thirtieth to decide the match winning shot.

Baker, who was married recently, has already qualified, as Irish champion, for Coatbridge next year.

To honour his exploits on the bowling green, indoor and out, a new indoor stadium planned for a former stables near Belfast, is to be named after him.

Jones, the little man who made a big hit in the world outdoor championships at Aberdeen last summer, beat Andy Ross, the English indoor champion, 21-6 in 14 ends. It is an understatement to say that Ross never settled into a length. The result was that Jones had nothing to worry him, not even the fact that he is, as he says, a slow starter. By the way, when is somebody going to be bold and admit that he is a quick starter?

Jones had not played competitively since September. He lives at London, Ontario, and plays on roll-down mats, since he can hardly walk to his nearest indoor club, which is 2,500 miles away in Vancouver.

First round: R Jones (Can) 21, A Ross (Eng) 6; J Baker (Ire) 21, F McCartney (Scot) 18.

CRESTA RUN

Caviare with relish

Tatsi Glattfelder, a former winner of the Curzon Cup, set the pace for a star-studded field in the centenary race from Junction held here yesterday. It is Glattfelder's popular business to supply St Moritz with caviare.

Hot on his heels with a magnificent first run of 45.31 seconds was Britain's Toby Bonham, who is back after a 10-year absence. Third was an unconsidered outsider, Bob Ennis, from Boston, Massachusetts.

In the second course these three maintained their placings but what took the crowd's attention was the return of a British rider, Richard Smith who, with a four-second handicap, recorded 44.26 seconds. In the last course Bonham cracked 45 seconds for the first time in his career. Glattfelder's lead was by now too great and the first course placings remained unaltered.

The conditions of entry limited competitors to those who had not ridden the Cresta regularly over the past five years, and for every day that a competitor had ridden during this period he was handicapped one second a run.

RESULTS: 1. J Glattfelder 2mn 15.64sec (Switz); 2. T C Bonham (GB) 2:16.41; 3. R C Ennis (US) 2:18.16; 4. J Zuber (Switz) 2:18.95; 5. C H Slater (GB) 140.71. 6. C Balbi (Monaco) 2:22.35.

RACKETS

Eton thrive on pace game

Eton (Peter Baily and Mattew Small) defeated Tonbridge (Rupert Owen-Brown and Simon Davies) 11–15, 15–5, 15–8, 16–17, 15–8, 16–14 at Eton yesterday (William Stephens writes).

All the players thrived on the pace generated by Owen-Brown, the HK Foster Cup-Holder, whose whiplash backhand produced some scintillating winners. But, too often, he hit down – his precocious talent obviously not being tempered by application. He revelled in half-volleys off the front using the angles while Davies, strong on the backhand, played straight.

Baily was steady in defence, serving and receiving serve well, while Small played fine, straight-arm forehand kills with heavy cut. At 3–2 down Tonbridge squandered a 7–1 lead through mistakes.

YACHTING

America's Cup boat bought

Paris (Reuter) – French challengers for the America's Cup hope some Australian luck will rub off on them after buying a yacht which figured in the successful Australian assault on the trophy in 1983.

Pierre English, a member of a French team headed by Yves Pajot, said yesterday that his group had bought Challenge 12 – which was an Australian entry in 1983, along with the eventual winner, Australia II – as a training vessel. An Italian organization had earlier bought it from the Australians.

The French squad will head for the Mediterrancan in two weeks to train in Challenge 12 which, unlike Australia II, is a conventionally-keeled yacht. The group is havin its own boat constructed in France for the races off Perth, Australia, in 1986/87.

FOR THE RECORD

GOLF

LEADING USPGA MONEYWINNERS: 1. L Watkins, $183,859 (about £153,000); 2. M O Meara, 104,535; 3. C Pepia, 94,835; 4. C Stadler 70,383; 5. C Pavin, 67,813; 6. I Terveli, 66,812, 7. L Rinker, 52,417; 8. C Strange, 45,784, 9. H Sutton, 43,209; 10. Larry Mize, 42,725. British positions: 31. N Faldo, 16,313; 53. S Lyle 9,319; 66. K Brown, 5,896, 69, P Oosterhuis, 5,735.
LEADING USLPGA MONEYWINNERS: 1. H Stacy, $32,900 (about £27,500), 2. J Carner, 32,104, 3. A Okamoto (Jap), 20,850; 4 equal, P Sheehan and J Blalock, 16,950, 6. P Bradley, 16,400; 7. L Rinker, 16,087, 8. J Coles, 12,717; 9. C Hill, 11,120; 10. A Miller, 10,189.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Cleveland Cavaliers 121, Washington Bullets 112; Philadelphia 76ers 108, Atlanta Hawks 92; San Antonio Spurs 114, Golden State Warriors 109; Detroit Pistons 113, Milwaukee Bucks 111, Los Angeles Clippers 115, Indiana Pacers 96.

CRICKET

BRIDGETOWN: Shell Shield: Barbados 364 and 227 for 2 dec; Guyana 271 and 220 for 7. Barbados, 8pts; Guyana, 4. Trinidad and Tobago 228, Leeward Islands 204 and 246 for 5. Trinidad and Tobago 8; Leeward Islands 4.

SKIING

ANDERMATT: British Services International championships: Special Slalom, 1, Italian Army, 7min 6.49sec, 2, British Army, 7.30.52; 3, US Army, 7.46.93; 4, RAF, 7.57.39, 5, Australian Defence Force, 8.56.22.

CYCLING

AUBENAS, France: Besseges 122km event: 1, C Mottet (Fr), 3mn 2.09sec, 2, W Planckaert (Bel), 3, P Hagedoorsen (Bel); 4, J Muller (Switz); 5, F Lamarchand (Fr), all same time.

FOOTBALL

BASS IRISH CUP: First round replay: Newry 1, Ballyclare 3.

● Peter Easto is returing to Wolverhampton where he started his career, on a month's loan.

SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: Upper and middle runs: Complete, wide cover of spring snow with icy patches. Lower slopes: complete, spring snow with icy patches. Vertical runs: 1,600ft. Hill and main roads, clear. Snow level: 1,900ft. Glenshee: Upper runs, Complete but narrow, hard packed snow. Lower slopes: limited nursery areas, hard packed snow. Vertical runs: 1,000ft. Hill and main roads: Clear. Snow level: 1,000ft. Glencoe: Upper runs: some complete, snow. Lower slopes: patchy cover of very wet snow. Vertical runs: 900ft. Hill and main roads, clear. Snow level: 1,800ft. Lecht: Upper and middle runs: Complete, wide cover wet snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: ample nursery areas, wet snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 700ft. Hill and main roads: clear. Snow levels: 2,000ft.

RACING RESULTS

Warwick

Going: soft
1.30 (2m hdle) 1, MR DAD (M Pitman, 5-2); 2, Down Flight (A Webb, 15-8 fav); 3, Al-Abjar (J Burke, 11-1). Also ran: 7 Carado, 16 Aisling Gael, 25 Brianogen, Pearl Run (4th), Pink Panther (5th). Two lengths, 33-1 Broughton Star, Jody's Boy, Last Enemy, Merchant Fruiterer, Paddy Sawyer, 50-1 Councillor Bill, Dutch Challenger, First Quadrant (6th), Mummys Swish, Playboy Bunny (pu), Vulgan's Honour, Headin' On (pu), Squires Gold, 22 ran. NR, Dromoden, Eighth Wonder, Lewart Way. St, ¾l, 4l, 3l, 4l Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. TOTE: £3.90; £1.80, £1.60, £2.10. DF: £3.20. CSF: £7.40
2.0 (2m 4f chs) 1, RIVER WARRIOR (G Davies, 16-1); 2, Mount Harvard (P Croucher, 6-4 fav); 3,Royal Potion (R Dumwoody, 14-1). Also ran: 3 Crack A Joke (pu), 7-2 Nickle Moppett (4th), 10 Under-Rated (pu), 16 North Down (pu), 33 Intoxicated (5th), 66 Dan Dare (pu), 9 ran. 5l, 1l, 10l, 10l. G Bradley at Chepstow. TOTE: £12.20; £3.60, £1.10, £2.50. DF: £24.30. CSF: £39.92.
2.30 (2m hdle) 1, OAKLEY HOUSE (S Shilston, 4-5 fav); 2, Silver Keys (P Leach, 10-1); 3, Cottage Rue (P Scudamore, 16-1); Also ran: 11-2 Levant Way (fo), 7 Rouros (4th), 12 Lord Laurence (5th), 14 Proud Pilgrim (5th), 25 Beauvais (pu), 33 Farnessa, 50 Oak On Dickins, Cape Flattery, Coombe Green, Frenchlands Lane, Golden Raider, Parabroop, Lincombe Lass (pu), 16 ran. NR: August Folly, Meadow Maid. Hd, 15l, 1l, 1½l, 1l. F Walwyn at Lambourn. TOTE: £1.80; £1.30, £3.70, £3.00. DF: £17.40. CSF: £10.57
3.00 (3m 4f chs) 1, MID DAY GUN (A Webber, 9-2); 2, Last Suspect (R Davies, 4-1); 3, Winning Brief (R Strange, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Corbiere (4th), 12 Bonum Omen (5th), Solinull Sport, Woodlands Lad (6th), 66 Vulroy's Pie (pu), Bustling Byway, 9 ran. NR: 1¼l, 8l, 9l, 10l, 2½l. J Webber at Banbury. TOTE: £6.50, £1.60, £1.10, £9.20. DF: £11.20. CSF: £20.20. TRICAST: £166.20.
3.30 (2m 4f chs) 1, HOT FEVER (Mr T Holland-Martin, 8-13 fav); 2, Rigg (Miss C Saunders, 8-1); 3, Siobhan's Joy (Mr G Saundrell, 11-1). ALSO RAN, 11-2 Brooke Law, 12 Hi Darlin' (pu), 14 Wise Lady (5th), 25 Game Trust (pu), 33 Countertone, 40 Valation (4th), 66 Achil Sound (pu), Beacon Rambler (f), Camp Hill (pu), Chesley Creek (5th), The Mighty Boco (f), Yankee Doodle Dandy (pu), Deep Depression (pu), 16 ran. 8l, 4l, 7l, 12l, 3l. T Holland-Martin at Tewkesbury. TOTE: £1.70; £1.10, £1.50, £3.30. DF: £2.90. CSF: £7.11.
4.00 (7m hdle) 1, WINART (S Earle, 11-4 fav); 2, Corn Street (Mr M Bosley, 5-1); 3, High Old Time (J A Harris, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Springle (6th), 17-2 Pep Talk, 12 Pip (5th), No Flake, 16 Klassyne, 40 I Wonder When, 50 Cons Pal (4th), Sally Bike, Bell George, Tit For Tat, Pikys Press (pu), 14 ran. NR: Comedy Fan, Charlotte's Dunce. 8l, 2½l, ¾l, 2l. R J Hodges at Somerton. TOTE: £4.50; £1.30, £2.70, £3.00. DF: £10.70. CSF: £18.62. TRICAST: £59.68. PLACEPOT: £16.95.

Carlisle

Going: Hurdles-soft. Chase-good to soft
1.15 (2m hdle) 1, Keno Hill (R Rowe, 11-4 fav); 2, Splendid Again (5-1); 3, Brilliant Fellow (12-2), 4, Moon Melody (12-1). 6l, 2 pl. 17 ran. NR: Ascot Again, A Davison. TOTE: £3.20; £1.80, £1.20, £2.70, £1.40. DF: £14.10. CSF: £16.17. TRICAST: £51.84. Deduction 10p in the pound.
1.45 (3m chs) 1, Ron'n Fly (M Dwyer, 5-1); 2, Holborn Head (8-1); 3, Chotki (7-1). Succeeded (4-1 fav), 2l, 4l, 10 ran. A Mactaggart. TOTE: £9.30; £3.90, £1.40, £2.50. DF: £82.00. CSF: £40.01. TRICAST: £252.85.
2.15 (2m hdle) 1, Maggies Girl (C Grant, 5-1); 2, Swop Shop (5-2); 3, Amadis (8-4 fav). Sir Ted, 10, 14 ran. NR: Pleinurte, Denys Smith. TOTE: £4.80; £1.80, £1.10, £1.60. DF: £5.60. CSF: £19.90. Stewards inquiry, result stands.
2.45 (3m hdle) 1, JOE'S FANCY (G W Gray, 10-1); 2, Pen Royal (5-1); 3, Victory Move (25-1). Mandi It (7-2 fav) 3l, 10l, 13 ran. P Liddle. TOTE: £14.10; £4.30, £1.10. £3.50. DF: £83.10. CSF: £58.09. TRICAST: £1,141.71.
3.15 (2m 4f chs) 1, THE DIVIDER (T G Dun, 5-4 fav), 2, Roxy Manor (12-1); 3, Prince Ballah (11-2). 15l, 15 ran. NR: Norton Cavalier, Miss T Calder. TOTE: £3.40; £1.40, £4.00. DF: £13.00. CSF: £19.36.
3.45 (2m chs) 1, TROILENA (J-D Doyle, 5-2); 2, Polly's Pal (5-2); 3, Rasy's Song (12-1). Press Gang (15-8 fav), 4l, 2l, 7 ran. R Fisher. TOTE: £3.90; £2.20, £1.50. DF: £4.90. CSF: £15.98. PLACEPOT not won

RACING: BURROUGH HILL LAD LIKELY TO FACE ONLY TWO OPPONENTS IN NEWBURY'S £10,000 COMPTON CHASE

Forgive'N Forget should prevent Turnell repeat

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

A feast of racing is on offer at Ascot today. On the corresponding occasion 12 months ago horses trained at the opposite ends of the country by Andy Turnell and Jimmy FitzGerald had the finish of the valuable Whitbread Trial Chase to themselves when Tracy's Special from Turnell's Ogbourne Yard just managed to hold Canny Danny, the hope of Malton, at bay by a neck.

Today the same trainers are represented by Maori Venture and Forgive 'N Forget. This time I think that it will be the turn of FitzGerald to smile in the winners' enclosure afterwards with *Forgive 'N Forget*. My selection was an exceptionally easy winner of the Rowland Meyrick Chase at Weatherby on Boxing Day. Before that he had run really well at Haydock Park against the versatile but ill-fated Gaye Chance, whose death on Suday must have come as such a blow to his connections.

On paper there should be nothing between Maori Venture and Ardent Spy. The handicapper has allowed Ardent Spy 2lb for the two and a half lengths defeat that Maori Venture inflicted on him in the Mandarin Chase at Newbury at the end of December. But in the meantime Ardent Spy has fallen at Cheltenham.

Greenwood Lad, who finished twenty lengths behind Forgive 'N Forget's stable companion, Canny Danny, in the SGB Steeplechase run over today's course and distance in December, still does not jump well enough for my liking. But, carrying only 10st 1lb Gambir would be a big threat at his best. Sadly, his stable has been in no sort of form this season.

Instead of running Combs Ditch against Forgive 'N Forget and company David Elsworth has opted for what looks like the easier touch, the Fernbank Hurdle over three miles. Heartened by a double at Sandown Park on Saturday with Floyd and Desert Orchid, Elsworth will be disappointed if Combs Ditch lets him down in this company.

A winner over hurdles at *Cheltenham in December*, Combs Ditch then ran the race of his life at Kempton Park on Boxing Day when he made Burrough Hill Lad pull out all the stops in that unforgettable finish for the King George VI Chase. Clearly such a versatile horse ought to be up to coping with Fulke Walwyn's pair, Everett, who is also reverting to hurdling after a spell spent chasing, and Rose Ravine who just managed to beat Combs Ditch's stable companion, Buckbe, in a driving finish at Cheltenham 10 days ago.

With such free-running types as Gav's Delight and Sula Bula in the field the Sapling Novices' Chase could easily be run to suit Destiny Bay. My selection also possesses plenty of pace, but he is at his best when all his explosive energy is conserved for a late burst.

With Drumadowney standing his ground the Reynoldstown Novices Chase should also be an enthralling spectacle. Drumadowney used to be in the habit of pulling himself up. Since being fitted with blinkers however, he has looked a reformed character. Now he likes nothing better than to gallop his rivals into the ground, which he has done to great effect in his last three races.

Whether he will be able to slip his field again this time remains to be seen, because this is undoubtedly the strongest opposition that he has encountered. My feeling is that Rhyme 'N' Reason, from David Murray Smith's up and coming yard will be a tough nut to crack in any event. The winner of three hurdle races for Michael Dickinson last sason, Rhyme 'N' Reason has taken well to chasing for his new trainer.

My idea of the best bet of the day is Ten Of Spades, who is napped to win the Datchett Novices' Hurdle at the expense of Terryash, from Mrs Pitman's irrepressible stable, and Fred Winter's unbeaten representative, Sailor's Dance. I was greatly taken by Ten Of Spades when watching him win at Cheltenham on New Year's Day. His time then was five seconds faster than that of Emerald Watson when he won an identical race half an hour later.

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Combs Ditch, who is expected to further his Gold Cup claims in Ascot's Fernbank Hurdle (2.30)

Corbiere is eased in National betting

Corbiere looked a tired one-paced chaser as he was relegated into fourth place behind Mid Day Gun at Warwick yesterday. He could have won few new Grand National supporters and bookmakers promptly fielded against him, Ladbrokes extending his odds to 16-1 and Hills to 20-1, both from 14-1, for Aintree.

Corbiere's jumping was as good as ever and it took him to the front seven from home in the George Coney Challenge Cup, but two fences later Mid Day Gun sailed by and another two fences later Last Suspect relegated him to third place.

Nevertheless, Ben de Haan, who partnered Corbiere to victory in the 1983 Grand National, declared: "I'm delighted, he jumped super."

Jenny Pitman Corbiere's trainer, commented: "Corbiere is getting old and he's gone to the top of the handicap, so he just hasn't got the answer at the end of a race, but he's also missed his hunting recently because the hounds have been coughing. I hope he'll be able to get out hunting again on Saturday.

"He goes next for the Grimsthorpe Handicap Chase at Doncaster on February 23 and the four miles there suit him. He'll then run in the Ritz Club National Hunt Handicap Chase at Cheltenham before going to Liverpool."

Mid Day Gun, has not been entered for the Grand National this year

Last Suspect, who has 10st 2lb in the Grand National, ran well in second place only a length and a half behind Mid Day Gun and a decision about Aintree will be made after his next race. His owner, Anne Duchess of Westminster, denied that she is anti the Grand National – "That only applied to Arkle when Pat Taafe claimed he could have won it with a leg tied up," she explained.

Easy again for champion

After his walkover in last Saturday's £15,000 Gainsborough Chase at Sandown Park, Burrough Hill Lad, the 1984 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, faces a maximum of four opponents in Saturday's Compton Chase at Newbury. Besides Jenny Pitman's champion, the four declared are: Wayward Lad, Gambir, Kumbi and Armagnac Princess.

Monica Dickenson, Wayward Lad's trainer, said yesterday that her horse would miss Newbury and go for the Mercedes Benz Chase at Ayr on the same afternoon. Gambir runs at Ascot today. Kumbi and Armagnac Princess are definate runners, so Burrough Hill Lad is likely to have an easy task.

There were no surprise withdrawals from Saturday's Schweppes Gold Trophy at Newbury at yesterday's four-dau stage of acceptors. The 35 possibles are: Robin Wonder, Bajan Sunshine, Rushmoor, Dalbury, Stan's Pride, Buckbe, Sid's Dolbie, Fleroy Sark, Prideaux Boy, Bob Tisdall, Brave Hussar, Allan Glazed, Krug, Eversaal, Northern Trial, Il Pontevecchio, Jade and Diamond, Whole Shebang, Berlin, Rosical, Gallant, Buck, Cocaine, Mr Moonraker, Indamelody, Chrysaor, Ishkomann, Centrolina, Mount Bolus, Country Player, Admiral's Ruler, Braunston Brook, Sunflower Lad, Glen Road, Dick's Folly, Lohengrin.

Ladbroke's latest betting is: 8 Chrysaor, 11 Eversaal, 12 Berlin, 14 bar.

Inquiry post

The Horserace Betting Levy Board have appointed Sir John Sparrow to chair their committee of inquiry into the future of the National Stud. Sir John is a director of Morgan Grenfell Holdings and a former head of the Cabinet Office's Central Policy Review staff.

The Committee has been asked to submit its report to the Levy Board by the autumn.

BOOK REVIEW

Invaluable record of events on the turf

By Dick Hinder

The rapid rise of John Jenkins, this season's leading National Hunt trainer, is one of many fascinating statistics unveiled in the 1985 edition of *Ruff's Guide To The Turf* (Mirror Group Newspapers, £40), which lists for the first time the principal 'jump trainers' winning totals from 1967/68 to 1983/84.

From a humble five winners in his first season, 1979-80, the Jenkins graph shows a remarkable upward trend – 13, 21, 42, and 69 last season. With 57 so far this term, Jenkins is clearly a young man to follow. His is a impressive achievement, but a careful study of the figures also reveals the other side of racing, with trainers and jockeys on the downward path to oblivion.

Ruff's Guide is a valuable reference work. Ken Oliver, the editor, has retained last year's successful innovation of listing all the Flat race results at the back of the volume. This adds weight to the already well-chronicled bloodstock sales and pedigree details, rules of racing, descriptions of courses and other traditional features such as big-race winners.

Geoff Lester has written a month-by-month account of the racing year, reminding the reader of many highlights – Francome beating Stan Mellor's jumping of 1,035, Piggott's unforgettable record-breaking 28th classic victory, and Steve Cauthen becoming the first American to win the jockeys' championship since Danny Maher in 1913.

● From the same stable comes *The Sporting Life Trainers Review* (£9.50) which provides, with extensive computer analysis, a comprehensive set of trainers' statistics for the 1984 Flat season.

ASCOT (BBC)

Televised: 2.0, 2.30, 3.5 (BBC2): 3.40

GOING: good

TOTE: double 2.30, 3.40. Treble 2.0, 3.05, 4.10.

1.30 DATCHET NOVICE HURDLE (£3,208: 2m) (13 runners)

102 90-1121 TERRYASH (D) (Miss J Hughes) Mrs J Pitman 5-12-0 ....M Pitman 7
103 111 SAILOR'S DANCE (D) (M Fitzenberg) F Winter 5-11-11 ....J Duggan 4
110 31 TEN OF SPADES (D) (W Whitbread) S Mellor 5-11-8 ....M Perrett
112 00 AMERICK (P Winfield) P Cundell 5-11-4 .... –
115 CHEMIST BROKER (Food Brokers Ltd) P Haynes 5-11-4 ....A Webb
116 6 EBONY RISK (R Hawthorn) T Jones 5-11-4 ....G McCourt
117 3 EL GITANO (G. R. Bailey Ltd) G Blum 5-11-4 .... –
121 0pp- MIANALCO (T King) W King 5-11-4 .... –
122 MISSING MAN (Mrs L Simpson) J Gifford 5-11-4 ....R Rowe
124 0- NON-WET (Sheikh Mohammed) J Ciechanowski 5-11-4 ....Miss Sarah Lawrence 7
126 – SHAHPOUR (Orthopaedic Bedding Service) P Bowden 5-11-4 .... –
128 p6 WAFFY-FRYER (G Hubbard) J Gifford 5-11-4 ....M Palmer 7
132 6 TOWNSVILLE (A Bingley) M O'Halloran 4-10-8 .... –

1984: Desert Orchid 5-11-11 C Brown (11-10 fav) D Elsworth 10 ran.

2 Sailor's Dance, 11-4 Ten Of Spades, 4 Terryash, 6 Chemist Broker, 8 El Gitano, 12 Non-Wet, 20 others.

FORM: TERRYASH (11-10) 10l Cheltenham winner from Highland Clipper (11-10) (2m hdle, £2344, soft, Jan 26, 18 ran). SAILORS DANCE completed hat-trick with easy 8l Wincanton victory over Hubli (2m hdle, £521, good to soft, Dec 26, 9 ran). TEN OF SPADES (11-0) pushed out to beat Deep Trouble (11-0) bl at Cheltenham (2m hdle, £1520, soft, Jan 1, 12 ran). AMERICK (11-0) was beaten 54l in 6th. CHEMIST BROKER 12l 2nd in NH flat race at Hereford. EL GITANO (11-3) 18l 3rd of 22 to Jimjams (11-3) at Windsor (2m hdle, £748, soft, Jan 31).
Selection: TERRYASH

Ascot selections

By Mandarin

1.30 TEN OF SPADES (nap). 2.0 Destiny Bay. 2.30 Combs Ditch. 3.5 Forgive 'N Forget. 3.40 Rhyme 'N' Reason. 4.10 Chelsea Maid.

By Michael Seely

2.30 Rose Ravine. 3.5 MAORI VENTURE (nap). 3.40 Jimbrook.

2.0 SAPLING NOVICE CHASE (£5,609: 2m) (7)

203 1p-1331 DESTINY BAY (D) (G Johnson) N Henderson 7-11-8 ....S Smith Eccles
204 11-00-1 GAYS DELIGHT (D) (N McGrady) M Cunningham (Ire) 7-11-4 .... –
207 832-221 STRAY SHOT (G Hubbard) J Gifford 7-11-4 ....R Rowe
208 412221 SULA BULA (B) (D) (G Pratt) M H Easterby 7-11-4 ....A Brown
209 00-2112 THE FOODBROKER (D) (BF) (Food Brokers Ltd) P Haynes 9-11-4 ....A Webb
210 10-311f THE REJECT (D) (BF) (T Ludlow) F Winter 8-11-4 ....J Francome
211 2-4221u VERY PROMISING (BF) (Mrs J Mannders) D Nicholson 7-11-4 ....P Scudamore

1984: Cybrandian 6-11-3 J J O'Neill (6-4 fav) M H Easterby 8 ran.

15-8 The Reject, 5-2 Sula Bula, 9-2 Very Promising, Destiny Bay, 8 Stray Shot, 15-2 The Foodbroker, 12 others.

FORM: DESTINY BAY (11-7) long odds on when 25l winner of 3 runner Cheltenham race from Bucks Green (11-3), (2m ch, £3163, soft, Jan 1). GAYS DELIGHT (11-8) 4l 2nd of 8 to Man Of Leisure (11-4) at Gowran Park (2m 2f ch, £1725, heavy Jan 29). STRAY SHOT (11-10) 2l Huntingdon winner from Wise Words (2m 4f ch, £1623, soft, Dec 26, 10 ran). SULA BULA (11-8) made all for 10l Catterick victory over Dawn Diver (11-2) (2m ch, £1076, good to soft, Dec 31, 12 ran). THE FOODBROKER odds on when 2l 2nd (10-11) to Leith Hill Flyer (10-0) in Windsor hcap last time after blundering badly 3 out, previously (11-5) won Kempton Nov ch by 20l from Two Eagles (11-0) when odds-on favourite THE REJECT (11-10) fell 3 out (2m ch, £2019, good to soft, Dec 27; 5 ran). THE REJECT (11-7) had earlier beaten Pollardstown (11-0) 12l at Lingfield (2m ch, £1818, soft, Dec 8, 8 ran). VERY PROMISING (11-5) every chance when falling 3 out in Newbury event won by Mr Moonraker (11-9), previously (10-12) beat Cornering (11-2) 10l at Haydock (2m 4f ch, £2329, good, Dec 12, 8 ran).
Selection: THE REJECT

2.30 FERNBANK HURDLE (£4,495: 3m) (10)

302 81/24p-0 MELLIE (D) (A Vidler) R Blakeney 10-12-8 .... –
304 1/10/12 COMBS DITCH (B) (R Tory) D Elsworth 9-11-8 ....C Brown
305 311p-10 EVERETT (CD) (K Hennessy) F Walwyn 10-11-8 ....S Shilston
306 041120- FITZHERBERT (CD) (A Ford) L Kennard 7-11-8 ....B Powell
307 2124-32 ISAAC NEWTON (N Clark) R Armytage 7-11-8 ....A Webber
308 2-81023 NIALAN (CD) (N De Savary) J Jenkins 5-11-8 .... –
309 21123 PLAY BOY (C) (Duke of Alburquerque) F Winter 6-11-8 ....J Francome
310 112-301 ROSE RAVINE (Mrs S Smart) F Walwyn 8-11-8 ....R Pusey
311 0-30120 STAR OF SCREEN (Mrs J Dyson) J Edwards 5-11-9 ....P Barton
312 0030-13 WONDER WOOD (BF) (D Robinson) R Holder 6-11-9 ....P Richards

1984: Mayotte 9-11-13 P Richards (11-2) R Holder 8 ran.

7-2 Combs Ditch, 4 Rose Ravine, 6 Star of Screen, 7 Play Boy, 8 Nialan, 10 Isaac Newton, 14 Everett, Fitzherbert, Wonder Wood, 20 Mellie.

FORM: COOMBS DITCH (11-10) short head 2nd of 3 to Burrough Hill Lad (11-10) at Kempton (3m ch, £25,455, good to soft, Dec 26), earlier (10-8) beat Indamelody (10-2) 2½l at Cheltenham (2m 4th, £3,475, good to soft, Dec 8, 13 ran). ISAAC NEWTON (10-10) short head 2nd of 11 to Misty Dale (10-11) at Cheltenham (3m h, £2,725, good to soft, Jan 2), with NIALAN (11-7) 2½l away 3rd. PLAY BOY (11-4) 13l 3rd of 4to Stans Pride (10-9) at Cheltenham (2m 4th, £4,237, good to soft, Jan 2). ROSE RAVINE (11-5) all out to beat Buckbe (11-5) 1l at Cheltenham (2m 4th, £4,051, soft, Jan 26, 9 ran), with STAR OF SCREEN (11-5) 20l away 5th.
Selection: ROSE RAVINE

3.5 WHITBREAD TRIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£12,070: 3m) (7)

403 20-1221 FORGIVE 'N FORGET (T. Kilroe & Sons Ltd) J FitzGerald 8-11-7 ....M Dwyer
404 p-20f11 MAORI VENTURE (D) (Maj J Rubin) A Turnell 9-11-1 ....Steve Knight
405 12-1030 CARVED OPAL (Mrs G Abecassis) F Winter 7-10-12 ....J Francome
406 10-1f22 ARDENT SPY (D) (BF) (G Taylor) R Armytage 8-10-10 ....A Webber
408 1-00213 GREENWOOD LAD (Mrs A Grantham) J Gifford 8-10-8 ....R Rowe
409 211-202 GAMBIR (Lord Vestey) D Nicholson 7-10-1 ....P Scudamore
410 00/4-pp3 SHADY DEAL (CD) (G Hubbard) J Gifford 12-10-0 ....M Palmer 7

1984: Tracys Special 7-10-5 S C Knight (100-30) A Turnell 5 ran.

7-4 Forgive 'N Forget, 7-2 Maori Venture, 6 Ardent Spy, 7 Greenwood Lad, 8 Carved Opal, 10 Gambir, 12 Shady Deal.

FORM: FORGIVE 'N FORGET: (11-7) impressive when beating Phil The Fluter (10-12) 10l at Wetherby (3m ch, £7,189, good to soft, Dec 26, 4 ran). MAORI VENTURE (11-5) beat ARDENT SPY (11-2) 2½l at Newbury (3m 2f ch, £5,764, soft, Dec 31, 5 ran). ARDENT SPY last time, (11-8) headed and fell 18th in race won by West Tip (11-6) at Cheltenham (3m 1f ch, £7,408, soft Jan 26, 4 ran). CARVED OPAL (11-8) last of 9 finishers to Classified (11-10) at Cheltenham (2m 4f ch, £4,142, soft Jan 26). GREENWOOD LAD (10-12) 25l 3rd of 7 to Canny Danny (11-8) over course and distance (£11,784, good to soft, Dec 15). GAMBIR (11-10) 6l 2nd of 8 to Lean Ar Aghaidh (11-10) at Cheltenham (2m 4f ch, £2,540, good to soft, Dec 7).
Selection: FORGIVE 'N FORGET.

3.40 REYNOLDSTOWN NOVICE CHASE (Grade II: £10,380: 3m) (9)

501 180-pf1 CATCH PHRASE (D) (K Carr) J Gifford 7-11-12 ....R Rowe
502 fp1-141 GLYDE COURT (C Cronin) F Winter 8-11-12 ....J Francome
503 211131 JIMBROOK (B) (Mrs M Nowell) M H Easterby 8-11-12 ....A Brown
504 32f4f2 BYE APPEAL (A Baxter) N Mitchell 9-11-8 ....B Powell
505 3-21113 COOL GIN (D) (P Christoforou) P Haynes 8-11-8 ....A Webb
507 1p-p111 DRUMADOWNEY (B) (D) (The Lady Vestey) T Forster 7-11-8 ....H Davies
509 833031 GAINSAY (Mrs I Silver) D Nicholson 8-11-8 ....P Scudamore
510 0340-01 PAPA'S BUSKINS (D) (D Buckley) O Finnegan (Ire) 9-11-8 .... –
512 4111-11 RHYME 'N' REASON (Miss J Read) D Murray Smith 6-11-8 ....G Bradley

1984: Duke Of Milan 7-11-12 S Smith Eccles (11-4) N Gaselee 5 ran.

4 Drumdowney, 9-2 Cool Gin, 5 Jimbrook, 13-2 Rhyme 'N' Reason, 7 Glyde Court, 8 Catch Phrase, 12 Gainsay, Papa's Buskins, 25 Bye Appeal.

FORM: CATCH PHRASE (11-0) best only other finishers Darc Hansel (11-4) 7l at Kempton (3m ch, £8,231, good to soft, Dec 27). GLYDE COURT (11-0) beat Von Trappe (11-0) 2l at Cheltenham (3m 1f ch, £4,495, good to soft, Jan 2, 6 ran), with BYE APPEAL (11-0) distant last of 4 finishers. JIMBROOK (11-8) a short head at Wetherby (3m ch, £3,817, good to soft, Dec 26, 8 ran). COOL GIN (11-8) every chance when bad mistake 2 out, when last of 3 finishers to West Tip (11-6) at Cheltenham (3m 1f ch, £7,408, soft, Jan 26). Drumadowney (11-8) made all when beating Batchworth (11-0) at Newbury (3m ch, £1,999, soft, Dec 29, 8 ran). GAINSAY (11-0) beat Stearsby (11-0) 3l at Kempton (2m 4f ch, £2,448, good to soft, Dec 26, 7 ran). RHYME 'N' REASON (11-10) beat Mr Candy (11-3) 8l at Folkestone (3m 2f ch, £992, soft, Jan 28, 8 ran).
Selection: DRUMADOWNEY

4.10 KILFANE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,267: 2m 4f) (11)

602 420-210 BALLYWEST (P Axon) R Hodges 7-11-9 ....S Earle 5
603 12-441 CHELSEA MAID (L Jones) D Laing 6-11-6 .... –
604 21126/p KOMATCH (S Harvey) M Pipe 8-11-5 .... –
605 13/014-p TREVS WAY (Queensway Securities) Miss A King 8-11-1 ....M Jenkins 7
606 41100-0 PARTY MISS (B Curtis) W Fisher 10-11-1 .... –
608 100008 MISTER PITT (B) (A Merritt) T Jones 6-10-12 ....P Corrigan 7
610 0u8-40p REPUBLICAN (B) (M Kemzains) F Walwyn 7-10-7 ....I Shoemark 7
611 0p00-13 RAWDY (D) (J Reilly) J Spearing 7-10-7 ....M Pitman 5
614 p/40-pp0 FINE TALE (L Connell) M Connell 9-10-7 ....E Murphy 7
615 00321 COLONIAL CHARM (M Clohessy) C Spares 5-10-7 ....A Carson 7
616 880/f00- EL CITO (C Mitchell) N Mitchell 8-10-7 ....M Palmer 7

1984: Mister Lord 5-10-7 G Charles-Jones (4-1 fav) S Mellor 17 ran.

2 Chelsea Maid, 7-2 Rawdy, 5 Party Miss, 8 Mister Pitt, 10 Treve Way, 12 Colonial Charm, 14 others.

LUDLOW

GOING: good to soft

1.15 NEENTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£958: 2m) (20 runners)

1 10-p CLEWISTON (A Wright) K Morgan 9-12-7 ....S Johnson
2 p PORTO IRENE (MRs P Tucker) D C Tucker 5-12-7 .... –
3 4f DAINTY JOE (J Bowyer) Mrs C Lloyd-Jones 9-11-11 ....S J O'Neill
7 000002- RIBODEN (CD) (D Richards) B McMahon 7-11-5 ....T Wall
8 f00p20 SNITTERFIELD (T Shea) C Holmes 7-11-5 ....K Burke 7
16 0010 HALFBACK (Mrs S Oliver) Mrs S Oliver 8-10-13 ....R Hyett
17 20-1030 PAMPERED GIPSY (B/CD) (R Baker) J Baker 5-10-11 ....G Newman
18 0000pp- LOST FOR WORDS (D) (Lady S Brooke) Lady S Brooke 8-10-11 ....Mr D Dowling 7
19 012300 CLEVER ANGLE (B/D) (G Dennis) B Forsey 5-10-10 ....P Croucher 4
21 0210-p0 PETTISTREE (D) (L Bevan) O O'Neill 7-10-9 ....M Caswell 4
24 120-b00 LANCE OF ST GEORGE (D) (A Rigby) J Townson 6-10-6 ....Sharron James 7
26 0003/00 HURRICANE HILL (Motor Auctions) B Stevens 8-10-6 ....R Dunwoody
30 0/4242b- GLEN MAYE (MRs S Bower) R Francis 6-10-5 ....Mrs S Aston
35 p-pr010 BIDDABLE (H Thelwall-Jones) R Hodges 6-10-3 ....Peter Hobbs
36 00002-2 RUSTY FERN (CD) (M Brown) M Brown 7-10-3 ....J Brown 7
37 u00 SAFFRON POSER (R Hodges) R Hodges 5-10-2 ....R Linley
38 10f0f-3 BELLE VUE (D) (R Hollinshead) R Hollinshead 12-10-2 ....J J O'Neill
44 24000-p AMBAER WINDSOR (G MArtin) R Juckes 5-10-1 ....NON-RUNNER
45 00044-0 WIGGBURN (Mrs J Berry) Mrs A Hewitt 6-10-0 ....M Berry 7
46 f46020- LINPAC GOLD (B) (Mrs B Richards) L Bridge 6-10-0 ....S Hayes 7

1984: Rusty Fern 6-10-1 D Chinn (14-1) R Brown 15 ran

7-2 Rusty Fern, 4 Belle Vue, 11-2 Clever Angle, 15-2 Pettistree, 8 Pampered Gipsy, 10 Lance of St George, 14 Biddable, Linpac Gold, 16 others.

Ludlow selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Belle Vue. 1.45 Romalex. 2.15 Mount Cedar. 2.45 Double Past. 3.15 Dennis Auburn. 3.45 Time-Bee.

1.45 OTELEY HUNTER CHASE (amateurs: £720: 3m) (11)

1 p0pfp2- LONESOME PARK (B) (MRs A Price) Mrs A Price 9-13-0 ....L Wallace 7
2 pf00p-p COOLERIN BOY (J Hankinson) J Hankinson 10-12-7 ....N Oliver 4
3 33p/22p- PINE KING (P Horton) P Horton 10-12-7 ....G Maundrell 7
4 02/41- SALAD DAYS (J Butler) J Butler 13-12-7 ....Mrs S Aston 7
6 00/003p- HOODED CROW (D Davies) D Davies 9-12-0 ....R Matthews 7
7 3400pp- PUBLIC RELATIONS (C Williams-Lock) C Williams-Lock 8-12-0 ....G Upton 7
8 f42420- ROMULEX (Mrs J Bainbridge) Mrs J Bainbridge 7-12-0 ....Miss A Dare 7
9 03/0400- SASPRING (D Timmis) D Timmis 10-12-0 ....D Timmis 7
10 224r0p UPPER TEN (J Hewitt) J Hewitt 11-12-0 ....R Hewitt 7
11 03003u- LEXHAM VIEW (J Hewitt) J Hewitt 7-11-9 ....R Brookshaw 7
12 300/244- TEN PEG (Lt Col U Corbett) U Corbett 7-11-9 ....T Thomson Jones

1984: (Div I: Gammerley Jane 10-10-9 Mr J Llewellyn (2-1 fav) Mrs J Watts 14 ran (Div II: Spartan Rambler 7-11-7 Mr J Pritchard (5-6 fav) K Hutsby 14 ran

11-4 Salad Days, 7-2 Romulex, 5 Ten Peg, 6 Pine King, 8 Lexham View, 10 Lonesome Park, 14 Upper Ten, 20 others.

2.15 BULL RING NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £651: 2m) (18)

2 1 ALPINE AIR (P Hill) J Baker 5-11-7 ....G Newman
3 FINAL SPARKLE (Lady S Brooke) Lady S Brooke 5-11-7 ....R Hyett
6 LUMINIST (G Yardley) G Yardley 5-11-7 ....A Sharpe
7 3-6 MERCIA SOUND (A White) R Hollinshead 6-11-7 ....J J O'Neill
8 p MUSIC LOVER (B Lyons) C Holmes 6-11-7 ....K Burke 7
17 WESTERN COUNTIES (Western Counties) I Wardle 6-11-7 ....N Doughty
20 CAP D'AZURE (R Tilley) G Morgan 5-11-2 ....S Johnson
21 0 CAR GEE (Mrs S Court) R Juckes 7-11-2 ....G Williams 7
22 p GOLDEN DECOY (R Creftin) R Creftin 5-11-2 ....J Wathen 7
27 3034 BALLYCRACKERS (Mrs J Robinson) R Perkins 4-10-11 ....Dai Williams
30 BOARD THE TRAIN (Miss J Seaborn) Miss J Seaborn 4-10-11 .... –
31 p DINADAN (D Roderick) D Roderick 4-10-11 ....Mr P MacEwan
33 240 MIRAMAC (F Lee) F Lee 4-10-11 ....S Hollend
34 MOUNT CEDAR (M Pipe) M Pipe 4-10-11 ....P Leach
42 p CANONESS (A Byrne) P Hayward 4-10-6 .... –
43 GO ANNA GO (T Bailey) T Bailey 4-10-6 .... –
44 0 NOON TIME (W Whiston) W Whiston 4-10-6 ....S J O'Neill
45 WORTH WHILE (Mrs M Price) B Preece 4-10-6 ....R Stronge

1984: Up the Ante 4-10-5 H Davies (11-10 fav) N Henderson 18 ran)

9-4 Ballycrackers, 7-22 Miramac, 9-2 Mercia Sound, 5 Western Counties, 8 Mount Cedar, 12 others.

2.45 TENBURY NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,301: 2m 4f) (16)

1 02410p SCOTS NOGGER (Mrs M Spearing) J Spearing 10-11-13 ....P Warner
3 f00-023 FLUID (H Collins) Mrs M Rimell 8-11-8 ....S Morshead
6 323-3p4 DOUBLE PAST (Mrs P Mitford-Slade) T Forster 8-11-8 ....R Dunwoody
8 4-30224 DEEP MOPPET (BF) (Parrish Bros) D Gandolfo 7-11-6 ....R Earnshaw
9 0/0p00-p JAKAROO (Miss J Ferris) E Ferris 9-11-6 ....K Burke 4
11 22/00-0f CORBENSON (J Tucker) Mrs D Tucker 8-11-0 ....Peter Hobbs
12 01p400- PETROCELLI (B Whetton) R Juckes 7-11-0 ....P Carvill
13 f34p40 FRA MAU (Lady S Brooke) Lady S Brooke 9-10-13 ....R Hyett
14 30f430 COME ON SONNY (R Forster) K White 6-10-12 ....P Finch 7
17 00f040 VICTOR DUB (B) (P Cartridge) M Castell 7-10-10 ....M Castell
19 3fpr22 WISE WORDS (Mrs K Peyton) P Bailey 7-10-10 ....R Linley
20 0p-0p00 FOOLISH HOOLEY (E Bevan) E Bevan 8-10-7 ....C Smith
21 0/33-40p ROUGH ESTIMATE (V Bishop) V Bishop 9-10-6 .... –
23 1-4p1 DELATOR (P Brewer) I Wardle 8-10-4 (5 ex) ....N Doughty
25 00-0p03 TIMBUN (K Clarke) M McCourt 7-10-2 ....N Greaves
26 440004 PAPERACER (A Parton) B Preece 6-10-2 ....R Stronge

1984: Romany Nightshade 8-11-10 H Davies (112 fav) T Forster 16 ran

4 Wise Words, 9-2 Deep Moppett, 5 Paperacer, 6 Double Past, 8 Come On Sunny, Fluid, 10 Scots Nogger, 12 Rough Estimate, 14 Delator, 16 others.

3.15 KNIGHTON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,329: 2m) (13)

2 12041p BORN TO SHINE (D) (B Brazier) M Castell 10-11-13 ....D Chinn 7
3 pp/0pp-p DRUMCONDRA (J Tainton) Mrs S Tainton 10-11-12 ....C Smith
4 400103- BLAZING WIND (G Clay) Mrs W Sykes 9-11-11 ....S Morshead
6 f-424pf1 DENNIS AUBURN (CD) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) R Francis 8-11-4 (5 ex) ....R Crank
7 3p1/103 SPACE BRIDGE (D) (G Jones) G Jones 11-10-13 ....C Warren 7
8 012413/ LUCKY CHRIS (D) (A Bailey) W G M Turner 10-10-13 ....A Jones 7
9 03110-f GRAGARA LAD (D) (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) R Hodges 10-10-6 ....R Linley
11 u0f0p-p CWYMREITHIN (Mrs C Crozier) V R Bishop 9-10-5 .... –
12 204303 DISHCLOTH (D) (Lady S Brooke) Lady S Brooke 11-10-6 ....J Bryan
13 0b4-11f PHILNORM (D) (P Boggis) D Gandolfo 8-10-5 ....P Croucher 4
14 40f030 SANDWALKER (D Price) Mrs M Rimmell 6-10-5 ....Mr M Price 4
15 404-404 RING-LOU (B) (P Lee) J Edwards 10-10-0 ....P Warner
16 023400 THE SURVEYOR (CD) (MRs M Power) R Hollinshead 9-10-0 ....J J O'Neill

1984: Royal Mere 7-11-12 R Linley (8-1) Mrs M Rimmell 10 ran

5-2 Dennis Auburn, 7-2 Gragara Lad, 5 Born to Shine, Philnorm, 7 Sandwalker, 10 Dishcloth, 12 Space Bridge, 18 others.

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1 f ALSIRI (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 5-11-7 ....R Stronge
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6 044 GUN-CARRIAGE (Mrs G Jones) A Jones 5-11-7 ....T Wall
13 f0 RUSTONE (R Brown) R Brown 5-11-7 ....J Brown
17 ALPHA PLUS (W Donohue) T Bailey 5-11-2 ....Mr B Dowling 7
18 ANNIE HOTSPUR (C Smyth) A Chamberlain 7-11-2 ....A Chamberlain
25 3 RATHMILL SYKE (J Needham) N Needham 5-11-2 ....A Hulburd 7
26 p STIPERSTEEN (Mrs K Lloyd) J Wright 5-11-2 ....J Bryan
27 WANRACINE (D Dobson) 5-11-2 .... –
28 4p ALCINOUS (P Oates) B Preece 4-10-11 ....P Dever
29 ASHLEY ROYALE (D Thompson) D McCain 4-10-11 ....K Doolan 4
31 p GIFTED GIFT (D Lowe) K Morgan 4-10-11 ....S Johnson
35 REMEMBRANCE (G Whittaker) Mrs C Lloyd-Jones 4-10-11 ....S J O'Neill
36 p04 SPACE GEM (J Jukes) W Whiston 4-10-11 .... –
38 04 TIME-BEE (K Elscher) R Hollinshead 4-10-11 ....J J O'Neill
42 0 WITH A LOT (P Smith) M Chapman 4-10-11 ....G Evans
45 p VERA REPPIN (Mrs V Farrington) Mrs C Jones 4-10-6 ....R Hyett

1984: Burglars Walk 4-10-5 B de Haan (7-1) Mrs J Pitman 18 ran

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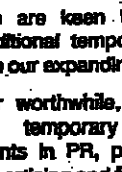
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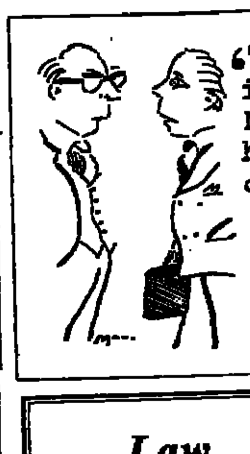


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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY/1

Lord it on the Earl's estate



The Craven Hill estate, showing the walled garden and raised bowling green (upper left of picture)

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

For sale: a four-acre walled garden surrounded by Grade I listed walls, with a 17th-century bowling green running along the top of one section of wall, and planning consent for one detached house – £150,000. That may seem a lot for a site, but to quote Paul Burrough, of Burrough and Company, Hungerford, the agents selling it, it is a site that can *sustain* a *£500,000* house.

It is part of a development for nine houses on what was part of the *Craven Hill* estate, at Hamstead Marshall, near Newbury, Berkshire, home of the Craven family and sold last summer by the eighth Earl for about *£3.5 million.* The particular site for this development, called Home Farm, was subsequently resold for about £450,000 to two local developers, Mayfern Properties and High cross Limited, who specialize in interesting properties.

Allowing for vendor's and agent's enthusiasm, there is justification in describing it as outstanding, for it is in a prime position overlooking the Kennet Valley and contained within Grade I brick walls, decorated stone and brick gate piers. The property comprises the former coachyard, stabling and walled formal gardens of the Craven *manor house,* called a "miniature Heidelberg", which was built in 1660 and burnt down in 1718.

The replacement manor house was built in about 1720 further to the south of the estate, and in recent years the area now for development has been used as a farm and market garden, covering about 9½ acres. Prices for the nine lots, which go on *the market today, range* from £60,000 to £150,000, and all need a lot of money spent on them.

John Bennett, of Mayfern, points out that the potential exists for nine superb houses clustered, not too closely, in a "village". Planning permission has been obtained from the local authority and the Department of the Environment for the conversion of existing barns and cottages into seven properties and for the building of two new houses.

Though conversion plans have been provided, the sites are being sold unconverted because, as Mr Bennett explains, "these are highly individual plots and we feel that purchasers will want to organize their own layouts, and carry out the renovation, conversion and other building work for themselves".

The vendors are carrying out a lot of repair work to the walls and gate pillars, including the replacement of many coping stones stolen from the tops of the walls. In addition, they are putting in the infrastructure including electricity, water and telephone services.

Work is proceeding to reinstate the raised bowling green, long since disused, by levelling it and re-seeding the ground, but it will take years to restore it to its former glory.

Preparing *the site* into lots, some unusual features have been uncovered, such as a priest's hole in the corner of the garden which enters an underground passage running towards the old manor house.

There are two cottages, semi-detached, each with three bedrooms, and considered to be immediately habitable although in need of modernization. They are priced at £60,000 and £67,000.

The remaining buildings present a great contrast. For £100,000 you can buy the West barn and bothy, which has a listed timber-frame barn with an adjoining cottage and a garden surrounded on three sides by old walls. It has grounds of about an acre and would make a large family house. The middle barns, also about 3,000 square feet, listed and with many exposed beams, are for sale at £85,000. Next to them the keeper's cottage, of a similar size, will cost £120,000.

East gate cottage, whose garden includes the priest's hole and a fine pair of Grade I listed gate piers, contains two sets of buildings – a brick and tiled stable and separate outbuildings in about 1.5 acres including woodland, and costing £110,000.

A listed farmhouse, listed partly because of the wall running through it, has three bedrooms, and an attached bothy with three rooms. With half an acre, the guide price is £120,000, in need of conversion.

There remain the two sites – the walled garden, and another plot of nearly one acre, with high Grade I listed walls on three sides, including a beautiful semi-circular wall with arched niches and gateway pillars surmounted by carved urns. That, including the original estate office which has planning permission for conversion into an annexe, has a guide price of £100,000.



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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY/2



Tranquility, a Grade II listed residence at St Gluvias, Falmouth, with a vineyard and planning consent for a restaurant and/or art gallery is for sale through Fox and Sons, Exeter, who are asking £185,000. The 18th-century main house has four bedrooms and there is a self-contained flat, while the ground floor has three reception rooms which could contain a restaurant, or possibly galleries, craft workshop or holiday home. The one acre vineyard last year produced 4,000 litres of grape juice.

Demand is growing for that little place abroad

The international nature of the property market, particularly in London and the home counties, has been made abundantly clear in recent weeks as Americans and other buyers take advantage of the dollar-pound exchange rate to gain a foothold here.

Hongkong is another important base from which assaults on the British market are launched, and the agents Hampton and Sons are losing no time taking the fight there.

They exhibited in Hongkong last year, and next month are to stage a more comprehensive exhibition of residential properties there with their associate company Hongkew Davies.

Spain, Portugal and France are popular

Three partners, covering the country house department, London residential department and the Hampstead office, will be attending the exhibition on March 28 and 29.

Not only will they be promoting central London and country property for private and investment purchase, they will be offering a complete package service which includes financial funding – through the Etherington Group who will also be at the exhibition – letting and management.

The exhibition will concentrate on property in the price range from £80,000 to £450,000, which covers the Hongkong market's general demand.

The traffic is not only one way, however. There are British people who want property overseas. Spain, Portugal and France remain the most popular.

Demand for property in Switzerland from overseas buyers has been such that the country almost shut her doors. Although a proposal to ban all sales to overseas buyers was narrowly defeated in a national referendum last May, there are restrictions on purchase. The number of units available is limited by permit to only 2,000 in 1985 (compared with over 5,000 in 1980).

Anticipating an increasing shortage of good properties in the future, with considerable upward pressure on prices, Chestertons Overseas, who have specialized in the Swiss residential market for 15 years, are holding briefing sessions at their Kensington office today and tomorrow.

Chestertons Overseas have on their books properties in 18 locations throughout Switzerland from the Jura to the Alps. Prices range from studio apartments at around £35,000 to luxury five bedroom apartments at up to £500,000. Some of the properties operate under the aparthotel system, providing owners with hotel facilities.

Because of the likely shortage, they believe it is a good time to buy now, and two partners from their associate company, A and G Associates of Geneva, will be available for advice.

One of the restrictions for overseas owners in Switzerland is that he cannot sell the property for five years – and then only to a Swiss resident.

A one-family house – for £750,000

■ One of the last big houses in Fitzjohn's Avenue, Hampstead, to be used for one-family occupation is for sale through Trans-world Investments, whose managing director owns it.

The house, Shepherd's Well, is a detached double-fronted neo-Georgian building with a double reception room, dining room and six or seven bedrooms. It has a security system and floodlighting around the house, and the owner has decided not to instruct an estate agent, concentrating instead on sending details of the house to embassies and a few large corporations.

The house is priced at £750,000 freehold and details can be obtained from Trans-world Investments, (01 722 1212).

■ **A fine sporting and residential estate in the North, the Ruffside in County Durham, is for sale through Knight Frank and Rutley's Boroughbridge, Yorkshire, office, which is asking £1 million-plus. The 1,400-acre estate includes the Hall, set in seven acres and dating from 1200, with Georgian and Victorian additions, a grouse moor, pheasant, duck and fishing.**

Belgravia mews

■ Two mews cottages in Belgravia, with 56-year leases, have come on the market. W. A. Ellis is offering a mews property built five years ago and now owned by Marks and Spencer, in Kinnerton Street, for £280,000.

Kinnerton Street, on the Grosvenor estate, is tucked away between Wilton Crescent and Sloane Street. The house, part of a small development, is arranged on three levels and has three bedrooms.

Number 4, Chester Cottages, Bourne Street, is a semi-detached cottage in a location containing two pairs of cottages only, and has two reception rooms, three bedrooms, and – for the area – a sizeable garden. King Wood are asking £230,000.

■ **Mill Lane House, at Crondall, Farnham, Surrey, a country house dating from the late 17th-century, is for sale through Pearsons' Fleet office, which is asking £150,000. The house has two reception rooms, four or five bedrooms, outbuildings and garden.**

Lark rise to buy

■ The rectory at Fordlow Village in Flora Thompson's trilogy, *Lark Rise to Candleford*, is for sale through Savills of Banbury and Messengers of Bicester. They are seeking £165,000 for the 19th-century former rectory in the village of Cottisford in north Oxfordshire.

Included in the sale is the former church hall, a stone barn dating from 1651. The rectory, in use by the church until 10 years ago, has been renovated. The accommodation includes three reception rooms, six bedrooms, outbuildings and nearly four acres of grounds.

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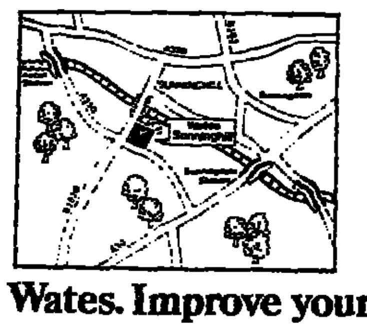
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BIRTHS

BATES – On February 3rd to Carolyn (née Nicholson) and William a second daughter Annabel Sarah sister to Fenella.

BOWEN WRIGHT.–At St Thomas' Hospital, on February 1st, to Anne (nee Richmond) and Martin–a daughter (Philippa Mary), a sister for Matthew and Thomas.

CROSTHWAITE – On January 22nd, at Queen Mary's Hospital to Valerie (née Cahn) and Perry, a son (Nicholas Anthony).

GALLOWAY – On 3rd February, at Princess Mary's RAF Hospital, to Judith (née Campbell) and Graham – a son, James Graham Mackenzie.

GREEN-ARMYTAGE.–On 2nd February, at St Teresa's, Wimbledon, to Susie (née le Mesurier) and Jock– a daughter (Elizabeth Caroline).

HEWITT – On 31st January to Alison (nee Chambers) and Jonathan, a daughter Gemma Louise, thanks to staff at Torbay Hospital.

HOGG – *On February 2nd, Kay (nee Avila)* and Adam, a daughter.

HOLMES. – On February 2, 1985, at The City Hospital, Nottingham, to Sheelagh (neo Littlewood) and Bill – a son (Rory Thomas).

HUGHES – On 31st January 1985 at The Clarendon Wing, Leeds General Infirmary, to Carol (nee Dickenson) and Christopher, a son Oliver Richard Edward.

KERSHAW.–On 3rd February, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Joanna (née FitzRoy) and Martin– a son.

MILNE: – On February 4th to Julie (nee Matthews) and Murray a daughter (Nicola Elizabeth) a sister for Rosemary and Philippa.

MUNDAY. – On February 2, 1985, at Dulwich Hospital to Claire (nee Handley-Derry) and Richard – a son (David Thomas), a brother for Helen.

NORTON On 4th February in Washington DC, to Emily (nee Morton) and Reggie – a daughter (Natalia) a sister for Thomas.

PAINE – On January 30th at St Mary's Hospital Portsmouth, to Larraine (nee Roden) and Philip, a daughter, Frances Helen.

SANTAMARIA – On February 4th 1985, in Oxford, to Soonie (nee Vaughan-Fowler) and Joseph, a daughter (Hilary Clare), a sister for Jerome, Benedict and John-Paul.

TAYLOR – On 4th Feb 1985 at Sevenoaks Hospital to Nicky and Tim – a daughter (Rachel Jane).

WALLER. – On January 15, 1985, to Susan (nee Parry) and John, at Pembury Hospital – a son (James John Michael), a brother for Elizabeth.

WILSON – On January 29th at Dulwich Hospital, to Barbara and Timothy – a daughter, Katharine Elizabeth Claire.

BIRTHDAYS

EMMA. – *Wishing you a very happy birthday of yesterday, love Mummy, Daddy and Sarah. Don't lose this key.*

SILVER WEDDING

NOYCE – CLARK. *On 6 Feb 1960 at St* Mary's Church, Andover by the Venerable Francis Cocks assisted by the Rev Dr Ivor Machin. Flight Lieut Peter Noyce RAF, to Flight Officer Betty Clark, WRAF Now at 39 Compton Ave, Mannamead, Plymouth.

GOLDEN WEDDING

DAVISON : MORGAN.–On February 6th, 1935, Richard and Enid Compton Holt, Maridon

DIAMOND WEDDING

PEARSON – Blencowe On 5th February, 1925, in Malawi, Bernard Garencieres Pearson to Deboras Poole Blencowe. Present address, *Littlefort, Bury St Edmunds.*

DEATHS

ALEXANDER CALEDON CHARLES – On February 2nd, after a gallant fight, very dear husband of Lettice and father of Pamela, Aylmer and Sarah. Funeral service at Poyntington, 7th February at 2pm. Family flowers only.

ALEXANDER. – on February 1, 1985, at Royal Surrey, Guildford, Winifred, formerly of Hanley Castle, Worcestershire, widow of Joseph, *much loved by her children* Michael, Jean and Judith and her seven grandchildren. Requiem mass at St Edmund's Church, College Road, Malvern, on Friday February 8, at 11 am, followed by private cremation.

AMYUNI RANDA. On 1st February 1985, *in* Hammersmith Hospital, aged 24. Dearly beloved daughter of Jamil and Souad, adored sister of Amal, after a brief illness, borne with her typical courage. *Donations to* "The Marrow Environment Project", c. o Masons, 10 Fleet Street, London EC4. Funeral at the Greek Cathedral, Aghia Sophia, Moscow Road, London W2 on Wednesday, 6th February, (followed by interment at Hammersmith New Cemetery, Mortlake (Mortlake Cemetery).

BOORMAN – Reverend Stanley, suddenly at home on 31st January. Beloved husband of Yvonne, dearly loved father of Stephen Andrew, Paul and Elizabeth and devoted grandad to his six grandchildren. Family funeral. Memorial service at Dulwich Grove United Reformed Church on March 2nd at 3pm.

BUCK – On 2nd February, Mary, so much loved by her husband, T. OwenBuck, her two children Col T. N Buck and Dr Joyce Havelock and their families. Funeral at 3 p.m. on Friday 8th February at Trinity Methodist Church, Sutton. No flowers by request, but if wished donations to The National Children Home branch, Alexandra House, Queens Walk, Ealing, London, W5 1TQ

CAVENDISH – (formerly Wellby) – On February 4th 1985 suddenly and peacefully at home Peg dearly loved by all her family. Funeral Friday 8th February at 11am at Windrush Parish Church. Flowers to E. Taylor and Son, Corbett Road, Carterton, Oxford.

DAWSON – On 3rd February 1985, William Henry (Harry) dearly loved father of Iris and Angela, adored grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service at the Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham on Monday 11th February at 12.30pm. Cut flowers if desired to Cooks Funeral Service, 72 Broad Street, Chesham, or donations to Charity of own choice.

FULLER – On February 2nd, 1985, at Peper Harow, Percy Noel, aged 82, beloved husband of Phyllis (Greenie), father of Anthony, Julia and Robert. Funeral on Friday, February 8th, at Peper Harow, 2.30pm, followed by a private Cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to Peper Harow Church, c/o W. G. Tickner, 18 Franklyn Road, Godalming, Surrey.

GOODSON – On 4th February 1985, suddenly, Hugh Lassam O.B.E., of Waddeton Court, aged 79, beloved husband of June, and father of Widdy, Sarah, Jane and Anthony. Private family Funeral, Friday, 8th February at Waddeton Chapel, 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Memorial service to be announced later.

GRICE – On Saturday, 2nd February 1985, at Redlands Nursing Home, Arnside (via Carnforth), Cumbria, Richard Gerald, C.B.E., A.E.I.B.A., of Cross House, Bootle, Cumbria, one time Chairman of the Lake District Planning Board and High Sheriff of Cumberland. Funeral at Bootle Parish Church at 2 o'clock on Saturday, 9th February 1985. Friends will be welcome at Cross House afterwards.

HILLMAN, Charles Haviland, loved husband and father of Mary and Charles, on the 4th February 1985, peacefully in St Margaret's Hospital, Epping.

MACALISTER – On February 3rd, 1985 peacefully at home with her family Frances Dorothy, aged 98, wife of the late Sir Ian Macalister. Funeral at Corpus Christi Church, Tonbridge, 12.45 February 8th. Flowers to W. & F. Groombridge, 31 Quarry Hill Road, Tonbridge.

ODEY, DENISE REGINALD, wife of George William Odey, C.B.E. D.L., widow of Sir Richard Llewelyn Barwick, 3rd Baronet, widow of the late Hugh Christian Radcliffe and mother of Robert and Rosanne.–On 4th February, 1985, peacefully, in the Nuffield Hospital, Hull, North Humberside. Family flowers only. Funeral private. Donations gratefully accepted by the Royal National Lifeboat Institute.

RIPLEY – On 3rd February, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Bryan Michael, aged 45 years, dearly beloved husband of Alison. Funeral Thursday 7th February 4.30 p.m. at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Balcombe Rd, Worth, Sussex. Flowers to Francis Chappell & Sons, 8 Grand Parade, High St., Crawley or if preferred donations to The Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Surrey.

RUSSELL.–On February 3rd, 1985, peacefully, at home, Mary Harrold, formerly Schreiber, dearly loved mother of Robert and grandmother of Victoria and Sara.

SETH.–On February 1st, after a too long illness, Ronald, alias Dr Robert Chartham, aged 73 years. Cremation private. No flowers. Donations to Samaritans.

STEWART On 3rd February, at Corsliehill Barabel, widow of Graham Stewart. Cremation private. Funeral service will take place at Houston and Killellan Kirk on Friday 8th February at 3.30 p.m. No flowers please.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

MURRAY.–The family of Chic Murray wish to send a special thankyou to Billy Connolly for attending Chic's final show and for Billy's memorable address at Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DINSDALE, Marjorie Dinsdale, spinster late of Winlon House, Parkhead Estate, Winlaton, Blaydon, Tyne & Wear died in Gateshead, Tyne and Wear on 18th May 1984 (Estate about £8,700)

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Dated this Twenty-first day of January 1985.

J. C. M. BISHOP
Liquidator.

In the Matter of THE COMPANIES ACTS 1948 to 1981 and in the Matter of GARNETT FABRICATIONS Limited.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act 1948 that a Meeting of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1 6EN on Wednesday 27th February 1985 at 12.00 noon for the purpose mentioned in Section 294 et seq of the said Act.

Dated this 23rd day of January 1985.

By Order of the Board
P. SNEYD
Director.

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Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above named Company are required by 28th February, 1985 to send their full names and addresses and the particulars of their claims to G. F. Hill of Peachey & Co., Arundel House, Arundel Street, London, WC2R 3ED, Liquidator of the Company, or in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

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Dated the 29th day of January 1985.

B. K CHITTOCK
Director.

Re WALTER BROWN & CO (INSURANCE) Limited. By Order of The High Court dated the 27th February 1981, Neville Eckley F.C.A. of 10 Bramley Hill, South Croydon has been appointed Liquidator of the above named Company with a Committee of Inspection.

Dated 31st January 1985.

Re: CHASEHOVE LIMITED
BY ORDER of the High Court dated the 13th May 1983 Neville Eckley F.C.A. of 10 Bramley Hill, South Croydon has been appointed Liquidator of the above named Company without a Committee of Inspection.

Dated 1st February 1985.

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Re O'Toole Brothers (Builders) Limited.
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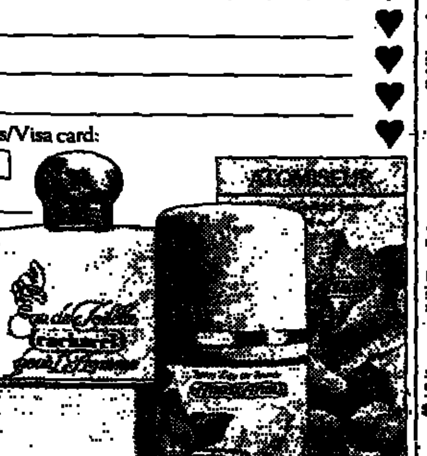
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Today's television and radio programmes

Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Debbie Rix at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27. Plus a review of the morning newspapers; Mike Smith with the new Top Twenty at 7.32; d-i-y advice; and Sue Baker with the latest developments in the motoring world.

9.00 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School, presented by Brian Jameson (r). 10.50 Gharbar: Magazine programme for Asian women. This week's edition includes a discussion on career prospects and opportunities. 11.15 Ceefax.

12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Ian McCaskill. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).

1.00 Pebble Mill at One includes guests, the cooking canon from Carlisle, the Rev John Eley and Glittering Prizes author, Frederick Raphael. 1.45 King Rollo (r) 1.50 Bric-a-Brac, with Brian Cant (r).

2.00 Racing from Ascot. The Sapling Novices' Steeplechase (2.00); the Fernbank Hurdle (2.30); and the Whitbread Trial Handicap Steeplechase (3.05) (the 3.40 race is on BBC 2). 3.25 Ceefax. 3.48 Regional news (not London).

3.50 *Play School*, presented by Wayne Jackman with guest, Jane Hardy. 4.10 The Puppy's New Adventures. Cartoon adventure series about a little dog's search for his master. 4.30 Jackanory. Bill Oddie with part three of Roald Dahl's, The BFG (r).

4.45 Captain Caveman. 4.55 John Craven's Newsround. 5.05 Eureka. The final programme in the series on everyday inventions.

5.30 The Railway Carriage Game. Celebrity quiz game presented by Lennie Bennett and Stan Boardman. 5.58 Weather.

6.00 News

6.30 London Plus.

6.55 Star Trek. The normally level-headed Mr Spock astounds Captain Kirk by announcing that he wants to marry (r).

7.45 The Golden Oldie Picture Show. Dave Lee Travis presents the pop sounds of the Sixties to videos of the Eighties.

8.10 Dallas. J.R. surprises everyone by his handling of the latest Ewing crisis (Ceefax).

9.00 News with Julia Somerville.

9.25 Real Lives: Hatfield Main. A documentary filmed in the South Yorkshire mining village of Hatfield during the 11th month of the miners' dispute. (see Choice).

10.10 Sportsnight introduced by Harry Carpenter. Alan Weeks is in Gothenburg for the European Figure Skating Championships which today includes Barber's and Slater's compulsory dance section; David Vine reports from Santa Caterina on the Ladies Giant Slalom event of the World Skiing Championships; plus the latest news from the Embassy World Indoor Bowls Championship.

10.55 Film: The Eyes of Charles Sand (1972). A made-for-television murder mystery, being shown on British television for the first time, about a man with supernatural powers of second sight who, despite trying to ignore his new-found faculty, is inexorably drawn into a web surrounding a bizarre killing. Starring Peter Haskell, Barbara Rush, Bradford Dillman and Joan Bennett. Directed by Reza S. Badiyi.

12.10 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.38 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50 and 9.20; d-i-y advice at 7.15; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; George Benson pop video at 7.54; video report at 8.40; advice on winter flowering shrubs at 9.05. The guests are James Last and Lees John.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: What frightens children? 9.47 How bridges are tested for safety 10.04 Microcomputers in action 10.21 Part two of the play about the parents of a spina bifida child 10.48 Handling a job interview 11.10 Processing metals 11.22 Episode two of the story about a wild stallion 11.39 How we used to live: coping with an influenza epidemic.

12.00 Button Moon. Puppet adventures of the space age Spoon family (r). 12.10 Our Backyard. 12.30 Mr and Mrs. Quiz game for married couples.

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 Thames news from Robin Houston. 1.30 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in an Australian outback town.

2.25 Home Cookery Club. The recipe for kippery kedgeree. 2.30 On the Market, presented by Susan Brokes and Trevor Hyett. Their guest is vegetarian cook, Sarah Brown.

3.00 Gems. Serial set in the Covent Garden workshops of a fashion design company. 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 Button Moon. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Do It. Sheila Gilbey with the first in a new series of programmes designed to encourage children to make and do things (Oracle). 4.45 The Book Tower, presented by Neil Innes. His guest is historical novelist, Rosemary Sutcliff (Oracle).

5.15 Skating: the European Figure Skating Championships. Highlights from last night's Pairs Free Programme plus today's three Compulsory Dances of the Ice Dance.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news

6.25 Help! Sally Hawkins with news of the National Association for Patient Participation.

6.35 Crossroads. Sid Hooper offers sympathy and money to Pete Maguire.

7.00 Wish You Were Here? Judith Chalmers is in Morecambe; Chris Kelly visits Hungary; while guest presenters Sara Hollamby and Jeremy Gittin sample a Club 18-30 holiday in Ibiza (Oracle).

7.30 Coronation Street. Vera Duckworth learns of her husband's new 'dream job' and soon turns it into a nightmare (Oracle).

8.00 This is Your Life. Eamonn Andrews springs a surprise on another unsuspecting worthy.

8.30 Moving. Comedy series starring Penelope Keith and Ronald Pickup about the trials and tribulations of selling a house (Oracle).

9.00 Lytton's Diary. The Fleet Street gossip columnist tries to interest his editor in serialising the potentially steamy memoirs of a Swedish starlet (Oracle).

10.00 News at Ten

10.30 Midweek Sports Special. Highlights from one of tonight's semi-final, first leg, matches of the Milk Cup plus action from Gothenburg in the European Figure Skating Championships.

12.00 Portrait of a Legend. A tribute to the Righteous Brothers.

12.25 Night Thoughts



George Cole: Blott on the Landscape (BBC 2, 9.00 pm).

CHOICE

● There is, so far as I remember just the one touch of sanity in the first episode of BLOTT ON THE LANDSCAPE (BBC 2, 9.00pm). Bearing in mind that this is a Tom Sharpe book that Malcolm Bradbury has adapted, I suppose we should be grateful for even this respite. It takes the form of George Cole's knight-MP, reading the obituary columns of *The Times* at the breakfast table. You should savour the normality of the moment while you can, because it does not last long. The reason the MP's lovelorn wife is hovering is that she wants him to gulp down the half-dozen oysters that might bring on the procreative urge. In the event, he opts for a night of sexual aberration with a lady of pleasure who, at the critical moment, abandons him in favour of a night at the opera. Tonight's episode ends with an orgy of destruction, so you will have gathered that all the Sharpe trademarks are here. His humour is an acquired taste. Thus far, my palate has proved unresponsive. Perhaps it is less to do with Mr Sharpe's anarchic view of the universe than with the fact that I cannot bear to watch such talented performers being made to look so ridiculous.

● If Arthur Scargill wants reassurance from an independent source that in at least one part of his South Yorkshire heartland, the strike remains solid, he need look no further than tonight's *Real Lives* film HATFIELD MAIN (BBC 1, 9.25). No drift back to work at this pit. Ten men have gone back out of the total workforce of 1,300. Not that statistics mean all that much when passions are at boiling pitch, as they are here. "We do or die: no room for compromise" (a striker). "If this was a war, he'd be shot as a traitor" (a striker, about the miner who crossed the picket lines). "The first miner I see outside my front-gate, and I fire" (the strike-breaker who bought a shotgun after his windows were smashed). This man, who abandoned the strike after eight months, gets a sympathetic hearing tonight. He puts wife and family first and friends second. Chris Curling's film gives the management its voice too, and we also hear from the police. But *Hatfield Main* is essentially a film about defiance: present sacrifice to safeguard future existence. The Scargill line, reduced to its fundamentals.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.30 Open University: Technology: Facts are not Enough. Ends at 6.55. 9.00 Ceefax.

9.10 Daytime on Two: Technical studies – microelectronics. 9.38 The fish that have returned to a cleansed River Thames. 10.00 *For the very young*. 10.15 Maths: can figures lie? 10.38 Maths: geometry. 11.00 Words and pictures. 11.17 Electronic music. 11.39 Alternative medicines. 12.05 The Russian people and their language.

12.30 Implementing the Cockcroft Report's proposals on teaching maths in the classroom. 12.55 Learning English by watching popular television programmes. 1.21 Schools, work and family life in Spain. 1.38 Making patterns. 2.00 The 10 plagues of Egypt. 2.18 The expansion of Phoenix, Arizona. 2.40 Eskimo activity during the short Arctic summer (Ceefax).

3.00 World Bowls and Racing from Ascot. Dougie Donnelly introduces live coverage of the Nigel Smith/Bob Sutherland match and highlights of the Russell Evans/Keith Slight game in the Embassy World Indoor Bowls Championship at Coatbridge. At 3.40 the action switches to Ascot for the Reynoldstown Novices' Steeplechase.

5.25 News summary with subtitles.

5.30 Willo the Wisp, (r).

5.35 Fast Forward. Video fun and games and music.

6.00 Film: Great Day in the Morning (956) starring Robert Stack, Virginia Mayo and Ruth Roman. American Civil War drama about a ruthless gunman and gambler whose only loyalties are to himself. When he refuses to choose sides in the conflict he is forced to confront wider issues. With Raymond Burr as the villainous bar owner, Jumbo Means. Directed by Jacques Tourneur.

7.30 Open Space: Advocacy. Barrister Michael Mansfield argues on behalf of teachers, parents and pupils who are worried that education is fulfilling the needs of industry and not those of the people.

8.10 Timewatch. David Drew examines the life and legacy of King Charles II.

9.00 Blott on the Landscape. Part one of a new six part comedy series, dramatised by Malcolm Bradbury from the novel by Tom Sharpe, about a titled MP whose wife is threatening divorce because he refuses to have any children and of the fight to prevent a motorway being built across their estate. Starring George Cole, Geraldine James, David Suchet and Julia McKenzie (Ceefax). (see Choice).

9.50 Cabaret. Among those joining the regulars, Bertice Reading and Robyn Archer, are Harvey and the Wallbangers.

10.35 Newsnight.

11.20 World Bowls. Highlights of the day's matches in the Embassy World Indoor Bowls Championship. Ends at 12.15.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Film: Life Begins at 8.30* (1942) starring Monty Woolley and Ida Lupino. Comedy drama about a has-been actor whose career has been ruined by drink. He relies on the devotion of his crippled daughter – until their way of life is threatened by a suitor. With Cornel Wilde. Directed by Irving Pichel.

4.00 A Plus 4. Magazine show presented by Mavis Nicholson, Gill Nevill and Paul Jones.

4.30 Countdown. Another edition of the anagrams and mental arithmetic competition.

5.00 Alice. The Phoenix, Arizona, waitress is swept off her feet by a young director of a children's theatre group when she auditions for the part of Cinderella.

5.30 The Mary Tyler Moore Show. Rhoda is volunteered to help Lou re-decorate his home while his wife is away. But what Rhoda thinks is in good taste is not to the liking of an annoyed Lou.

6.00 *Danger Man**. John Drake impersonates a released prisoner who has served a lengthy sentence for a violent bomb outrage. Drake soon finds himself mixed up with a gang of IRA commandos.

6.30 The Living Body. *Part 18 of* the 26-programme on the inner workings of the human body deals with puberty – the most critical period in the body's development.

7.00 Channel Four News.

7.50 Comment. The political slot this week is taken by Oonagh McDonald, the Labour MP for Thurrock and her party's Treasury spokeswoman.

8.00 The Dragon Has Two Tongues. The fifth programme in the 13-part history of Wales as seen through two pairs of eyes analyses the reasons why Owain Glyndwr chose to lead a revolt against the English throne. Wynford Vaughan-Thomas and Gwyn Alf Williams, as usual, disagree with each other's assessment.

8.30 Diverse Reports: Britain's Dirty Work. Tim Pat Coogan, a leading historian of the Irish Republican movement and editor of The Irish Press, argues that Mrs Thatcher, by stamping out political initiatives, is driving more disillusioned people to the ranks of the IRA.

9.00 Film: Man of Marble (1976) starring Krystyna Janda and Jerzy Radziwilowicz. The first of a short season of Polish films deals with student filmmaker Agnieszka's attempts to discover the truth about one of the great heroes of Socialist labour in the 1950s, bricklayer Mateusz Birkut. Her efforts lead her to the fallen hero's son, working in the Gdansk shipyard where she discovers that the authorities are not yet ready for a true re-examination of the events of the 1950s. Directed by Andrzej Wajda.

11.55 Court Report on the Ponting trial.

12.25 Closedown.

Radio 4

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 *Prayer for the Day*.

6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel

9.00 News.

9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves with studio guests.

10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time visits London.

10.30 Morning Story: 'The General's Weakness' by Alphonse Daudet. Reader: Garard Green.

10.45 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 89).†

11.00 News; Travel; Unhappy Disturber of Our Peace. The story of the relationship between Sir Thomas Lawrence and Mrs Sarah Siddons (r).

11.48 Music Shop. Fitz Spiegl's ramble through the minefield of musicians' jargon and shop-talk. (3) Bands, Bumping Up and Bum Fiddles.

12.00 News: You and Yours. *Consumer* affairs with Paul Heiney.

12.27 The Great Impersonation by E. Phillips Oppenheim (new series). *The first of five episodes* (1): Old Friends Meet (r). 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World At One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes an interview with the best-selling author Frederick Forsyth. And Fiona Mathieson reads the final episode of Rumer Godden's Battle of the Villa Fiorita.

3.00 *The Afternoon Play: Last Lesson*, by Ben Rigby. With John Rowe and Judith Barker. A teacher is called up in front of a disciplinary board after a struggle with a pupil that results in the boy's being injured.†

3.47 Time For Verse. Norman *MacCaig presents his personal* choice of poetry (6). Wit and Humour.

4.00 News; File on 4. Roisin Mcauley charts the rise of the animal liberation movement. Are their raids on factory farms black comedy or incipient terrorism? (r).

4.40 Story Time: 'From Russia with Love' by Ian Fleming. Abridged in eight episodes (1): The Moguls of Death. Read by David Rintoul.

5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.

6.30 Just a Minute with Kenneth Williams, Peter Jones, Derek Nimmo, Martin Jarvis and Nicholas Parsons.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Checkpoint. Presented by Roger Cook.

7.45 Rebels. Hugh Sykes examines the lives of some 20th century people who rebelled against society's conventions (Lenny Bruce).

8.15 Two years of my life. Frances Donnelly visits L'Arche Community in Liverpool.

8.45 Analysis: The Tanzanian Experiment. A report by David Wheeler.

9.30 More Wrestling than Dancing. David Moreau recollects his attempts to come to grips with life (2): Remoteness of Damage.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. Includes comment as the Lonely Road at the Old Vic. Also, the British Landscape Watercolours 1600–1860 exhibition at the British Museum; and Rick Boyer's Billingsgate Shoal.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: "Second from Last in the Sack-Race" by David Nobbs. Abridged in 15 episodes (13). Reader: Paul Copley. 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight, incl 11.00 Headlines.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Today in Parliament.

12.00 News; weather. 12.33 Shipping. VHF (available in England & S Wales only). Radio 4 vhf is as above, except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: A vous la France! (last of programmes) Faisons le point (3). 12.30-1.10 Schools Night-time broadcasting: Voix de France. 12.30 French 5 La France des affaires (5). 12.50 French 6 Les arts en France.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Your Midweek Choice: Barber's Night Flight (LSO); Haydn's Symphony No 6 (Capella Clementina); Frescobaldi's (arranged Segovia) Aria detta La Frescobalda (Bream, guitar); Ibert's Ouverture de fete (French National RO).† 8.00 News.

8.05 Your Midweek Choice (contd): Strauss's Deutsche Motette Op 62 (Schutz Choir of London); Mozart's Piano Concerto No 27 (Clifford Curzon/English Chamber Orchestra, under Britten).† 8.55.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Berg Lasalle Quartet play the Lyric Suite for string quartet. Also Act 3 of the opera Wozzeck, sung in German. With Fischer-Dieskau, Lear, Oelke, Stolze and Christian Kohn. Bohm conducts the Chorus and Orchestra of Deutsche Opera, Berlin.†

10.00 Baroque Concertos: Vivaldi's Concerto for cello and string orchestra in B minor, RV 424; Handel's Concerto Grosso in B flat Op 3 No 2, Bach's Concerto for violin and string orchestra No 1 in A minor, BWV 1051 (Pleth/Standage/English concert).†

10.40 Poulenc, Wolf and Ravel: Peter Savidge (baritone) and David Owen Norris (piano). Poulenc's Chansons gaillardes; Wolf's Im Fruhling: Auf einer Wanderung: Storchenbotschaft; Ravel's Don Quichotte à Dulcinée.†

11.20 British Music: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra (under Downes). Bax's symphonic poem Tintagel; Roger Smalley's Variations for strings; George Lloyd's Symphony No 9.†

12.15 Concert Hall: James Dower (flute) with John Lenehan (harpsichord) and piano) Bach's Sonata in A, BWV 1032 (with James Dower's completion of the first movement); Martinu's Sonata No 1: Casella's Siciliana and Burlesca, Op 23.† 1.00 News.

1.05 Jazz: Excerpts from Stan Tracey's South-East Assignment.†

1.30 Matinee Musicale: BBC Concert Orchestra (under Lawrence). With Malcolm Messiter (oboe). Nicolai's overture Merry Wives of Windsor: Schumann's Three Romances Op 94; Michael Berkeley's suite Le Romaunt de la Rose: Wolf-Ferrari's Intermezzi Nos 1 and 2 (Jewels of the Madonna); Elgar's Two Interludes (Falstaff); and Pasculli's Variations on themes from I vespri siciliani.†

2.30 New London Consort: Paz's Cantata: Mentre fra mille fion; Bach's Concerto in D major, BWV 972; Pepusch's Cantata: Corydon: Sonata in D minor with graces by Louis Mercl, 1729.†

3.10 Martinu and Prokofiev: Martinu's Parables for orchestra (Czech RSO); and Prokofiev's ballet suite The Prodigal Son (same orchestra).†

4.00 Choral Evensong: from Westminster Abbey – a live transmission † 4.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure, another of Roger Nichols's selections.†

6.30 Debut: Liora Ziv-Li (piano) plays Bach's Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue, BWV 903; Chopin's Study in C sharp minor Op 25 No 7; Soler's Sonatas No 4 in G; No 18 (in the Dorian mode).†

7.00 Rameau's Nephew: Peter Woodthorpe and Patrick Allen in John Hope Mason's translation of Diderot's dialogue. (r)

7.45 New Japan Philharmonic Orchestra (under Ozawa). With Katsuya Yokoyama (Shakuhachi) and Kinshi Tsurata (biwa). Part one. Beethoven's overture Leonora No 3: Takemitsu's November Steps (live, from Barbican Hall).†

8.25 Six Continents: Angus McDermid with foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.

8.45 Concert: part two. Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 6.†

9.40 One Man and His Universe: Professor John Wheeler in conversation with Professor Paul Davies (r)

10.10 Songs of Old Age and Youth: Henry Harford (baritone) with Robin Bowman (piano). Works by Raymond Warren (first UK broadcast of his Songs of Old Age) and Peter Warlock (including Lullaby; Away to Twiver; and Late Summer).†

11.00 Manchester Chamber Concert: Endellion String Quartet play Borodin's Quartet No 2 in D: and Bartok's Quartet No 3.† 11.57 News. Until 12.00.

Radio 2

On medium wave. †also VHF stereo News on the hour (except 9.00 pm). Headlines 5.30 am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30 4.00am Colin Berry† 6.00 Ray Moore† 8.05 Ken Bruce† 10.30 Jimmy Young† 1.05 pm Sports Desk. David Jacobs† 2.00 Gloria Hunniford†incl 2.02, 3.02 Sports Desks 3.30 Music All the Way† 4.00 David Hamilton†incl 4.02, 5.05 Sports Desks 6.00 John Dunn†incl 6.02 Sports Desk 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF) only 8.00 String Sound. 8.30 Male Voice Choir of the Year Competition† 9.15 Listen to the Bandwith Charlie Chester† 9.55 Sports Desk 10.00 Cantabile *Four-man* singing group 10.15 The Life of Jim (Jimmy Edwards) 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory 11.00 Round Midnight (stereo from midnight) 1.00 am Nightride† 3.00 Black Magic† 3.30-4.00 Virginia Wade Has A Word With Gerald Williams†

Radio 1

On medium wave. †also VHF stereo News on the half hour from 6.30am until 9.30 and at 12 midnight. 6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read 9.00 Simon Bates 12.00pm Gary Davies including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Gary Byrd. 5.00 Bruno Brookes including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long 10.00-12.00am John Peel VHF Radios 1 & 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Report On Religion 7.45 That's Trad 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Classical Record Review 8.30 Mainstream 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Sackbuts And Sinfonias 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Church and State 10.30 Jazz Score. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Putting Politics in its Place. 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 From the Promenade Concerts. 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Report on Religion. 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Classical Guitar 3.30 Clayton's Zodiac. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Rock Salad 4.45 The World Today 5.00 World News. 5.09 Monitor. 5.25 New Ideas. 5.35 Waveguide. 8.00 World News. 8.15 Album Time 9.45 Recording Of The Week. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Putting Politics in its Place 11.30 Top Twenty 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Clayton's Zodiac. 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice. 1.45 Monitor 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Foreign Correspondents 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Classical Record Review. 5.45 The World Today.

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BBC 1 Wales: 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales headlines. 5.30-5.35 Interval. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 Sportfolio. 12.10am-12.15 News and weather. Northern Ireland: 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 5.30-5.58 Channel One. 6.30-6.55 Inside Ulster. 12.12am-12.15 Channel One Update. 12.15-12.20 News and weather. England: 6.30pm-6.55 Regional News magazines.

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SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Job Spot. 1.35-3.00 Film: Gorgo (Bill Travers). 3.30-4.00 Report Back. 6.00-6.35 News and Scotland Today. 10.30 Scotsport. 12.00 Late Call; Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Benson. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Simon & Simon. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.00 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans. 1.20 News. 1.30 Mr & Mrs. 2.00-2.30 Problem Page. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.00 Adventurer. 12.30am Company, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Silver Spoons. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.00 Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 It's a Vet's Life. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.00 News, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Moviemakers 1.20 News. 1.25-1.30 Where The Jobs Are. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.00 Claims of Jesus, Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Ace Crawford. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Phyllis Diller Show. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Home Cookery Club. 12.00 Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Ace Crawford. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Scene South West 12.00 Rock of the Seventies. 12.35am Postscript, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Calendar Health Club. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest. 6.00 Calendar. 12.00 Portrait of a Legend. 12.30am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans 1.20-1.30 Granada Reports 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 This is Your Right 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 12.00 Freeze Frame 12.30am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 12.30 pm-1.00 Portraits of Power 1.20-1.20 Lunchtime 3.30-4.00 Paint Along With Ny 6.00-6.35 Good Evening Ulster. 12.00 News. Closedown.

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ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 12.00 The Gaffer 12.30am Seeing and Believing. Closedown.

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US allays European doubts on Star Wars

From Nicholas Ashford
Washington

The Reagan Administration has succeeded in allaying the concerns of two of its main European allies, Britain and France, about the long-term strategic implications of the President's so-called "Star Wars" research programme into a futuristic space defence system.

At the end of a two-day visit to Washington, Mr Roland Dumas, the French Foreign Minister, said he was satisfied with the explanation he had received from Mr Reagan and Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, about the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI).

The Americans made three main points in their discussions with M Dumas – that funds were being spent only on research into the possibility of creating a non-nuclear space shield against incoming missiles; that such a system would anyhow not be operational for at least another 10 years; and that it would also be used to protect Nato and other allies.

Mrs Thatcher received similar assurances from Mr Reagan in December. The Prime Minister, who is to meet the President again on February 20, said she and Mr Reagan saw matters "in very much the same light".

West Germany has also toned down its earlier misgivings.

As the only two nuclear powers in Europe, Britain and France feared that a successful space defence system would make their own independent nuclear deterrents irrelevant.

There was also European concern that the programme, which is bitterly attacked by the Soviet Union, could harm the US-Soviet talks which begin in Geneva on March 12.

In his 1986 budget, just sent to congress, Mr Weinberger has tripled the funding request for the "Star Wars" programme to $3.7 billion.

Mr Weinberger said the Pentagon would also examine technologies to counter shorter-range ballistic missiles such as the Soviet SS-20. The Soviet Union has over 350 of these triple-warheaded missiles, most targeted against Nato countries.

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Waiting is over for captives and wives



Free men: (From the left) Alan Russell, Robin Plummer, Terry Waite, Michael Berdinner and Malcolm Anderson yesterday.

Freed Britons bring hope of thaw

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three years and three months in prison and fined £1,500. His wife Carol and their four children have had to live on social security during his detention. He has no job to return to and hopes to go on a university course.

Malcolm Anderson, aged 27, from Wallsend, Newcastle upon Tyne, was arrested on May 15 at Tripoli airport and charged with carrying letters containing defamatory statements about Libya. They were 15 letters from colleagues to their families. Mr Annderson was employed by Arabian Gulf Oil Company, the Libyan company. His wife Andrea works as a promotions representative. They have no children.

Robin Plummer, aged 33, a British Telecom engineer, of Royston, Cambridgeshire, was arrested after he did a U-turn in the entrance to Tripoli University. He was questioned about maps and telephone numbers in his possession but never charged. His contract in Libya ended last August but British Telecom have continued to pay his salary and have now offered him and his wife Pat and three children a two-week holiday.

Michael Berdinner, aged 52, has taught in Libya for 10 years and was lecturing at the university. He was questioned but never charged. He is unmarried and lives with his mother and sister in Sussex when he is in England.

Britain refused to agree to an exchange for the four, but Colonel Gadaffi refused to release them, even in the face of appeals from President Nyerere of Tanzania, King Hassan of Morocco and from Italy.

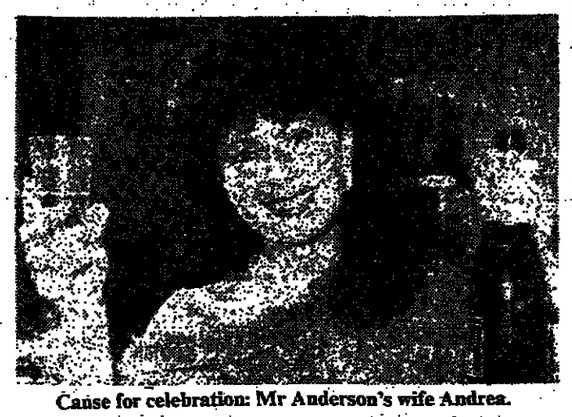
Britain has tightened up on Libyans coming to Britain. University fees were demanded in advance and the 7,000 Libyans in Britain found re-entry permits difficult to obtain.

In July Mrs Russell, whose husband was organist in the Anglican Church in Tripoli, contacted the Archbishop of Canterbury, who, after an exchange of letters with Colonel Gaddafi, dispatched Mr Waite.

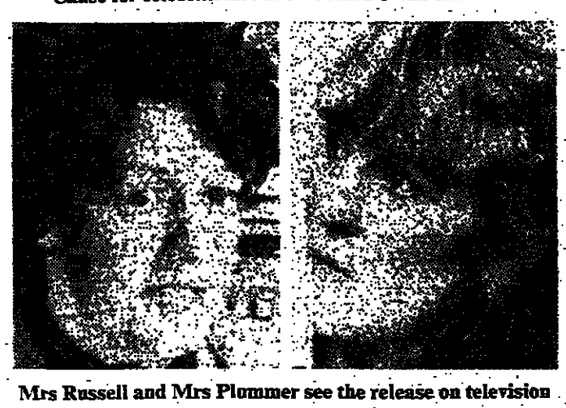
Mr Waite, briefed by the Foreign Office, paid four visits to Tripoli before sucuring the releasc. On the last three he has been accompanied by British press and television crews, invited by the Libyans

Countdown to freedom

March 9-11: Bombs in London, Manchester. Libyans held.
April 17: WPC Yvonne Fletcher killed. Douglas Ledingham and George Bush arrested in Libya.
April 27: Libyan People's Bureau siege ends.
May 8: Anti-Gadaffi rebels launch Tripoli attack.
May 13: Alan Russell arrested.
May 14: Robin Plummer arrested.
May 15: Michael Berdinner, Malcolm Anderson arrested.
July Mrs Carol Russell contacts Dr Runcie.
Aug. 1: Dr Runcie writes to Gadaffi who invites him to send representative.
Aug. 27-Sept. 2: Labour MPs in Tripoli.
Aug. 31: Ledingham, Bush released.
Nov. 10-17: Waite's first secret Tripoli visit.
Dec. 1-5: Waite in Tanzania to seek help of President Nyerere.
Dec. 18-27: Second Waite visit to Tripoli.
Dec. 25: Two-hour Waite interview with Gadaffi.
Jan. 6: Russell gets three years in jail.
Jan. 7-20: Waite's third visit Detainees moved.
Jan. 29: Libya says detainees to be freed.
Feb. 2: Waite back in Libya.
Feb. 3: Release promised but later delayed.
Feb 5: Detainees freed.



Cause for celebration: Mr Anderson's wife Andrea.



Mrs Russell and Mrs Plummer see the release on television

Letter from Tokyo

Too many toys, too little work

It used to be called the English disease. Now that Japan is beginning to show symptoms it has been renamed the "advanced country disease".

But whatever the poll-takers call it, young Japanese seem to be shedding their ambition and taste for hard work. In the opinion of a professor from Tsukuba, Japan's science city, they are "pampered brats", spoiled with all the technological toys and mother-love that Japan smothers them with.

Even the grey-suited millions who pour into the cities every day appear to be aiming more and more for a quiet life, taking a more cynical view of the rat-race than they would have done in years past.

Is Japan about to slide down its mountain of ambition? A survey by the Prime Minister's office, a private opinion survey and a comparative study of foreign and Japanese youth all seem to point that way.

Asked by Nippon Research Institute if they were prepared to join the rat-race for higher income and status, almost 40 per cent of respondents replied they were not, 43 per cent did not feel strongly either way and only 16.7 per cent wanted to get ahead.

More than half wanted to have it both ways, with an "easy and simply life" and a higher than average standards of living. The survey covered more than 1,500 Japanese of both sexes from 15 to 69.

More striking for Japan's group-oriented society, which prides itself on putting up stiff resistance to what are regarded as some of the more self-centred aspects of Western society, young Japanese are thinking more in terms of their own satisfaction and less in terms of meeting their obligations to society.

Even in the highly Americanized Philippines and in Korea young people are more inclined to altruism and hard work, according to a survey of young people in 11 countries including Britain and the United States.

Desire for an easy time

The Japanese attitudes followed a clearly western pattern with more than half saying that they found the greatest satisfaction outside their work, running counter to the classical image of the "workaholic" Japanese.

Only 27 per cent of young Japanese wanted to concentrate on their work as a top priority compared to more than 77 per cent Filipinos. Even young Americans rated higher than the Japanese.

Along with their desire to get rich and have an easy time of it, younger Japanese appear less adventurous than the generation that made Japan into the second strongest economic power in the Western world. While 50 to 60 per cent of young Britons and Americans are keen to work abroad, only 41 per cent of Japanese show any interest in doing so.

To the older generation they look like another race, so ingrained were the customs of hard work and sacrifice for the good of company and country.

The generation gap, Japanese-style, is nothing particularly new. Twenty years ago it was expressed as a violently anti-establishment wave among students. That passed in a decade but the disdain for work and love of the good life may well be longer-lived.

David Watts

Fewer seek high social posts

Mr Toshio Nohara of the Institute said: "I see the possibility of a decline in Japanese people's aspiration for activism.

From a long-range point of view there is the possibility that fewer people than now will take up the race for a high social post and income." As solid evidence of that, he cites a fall in the number of high-school students seeking to enter universities and colleges.

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Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh as Chancellor of Cambridge University visits Cambridge; he arrives Strangeways Research Laboratory, 10.30; and later attends the Old School, West Court for lunch, 11.15; he visits Goodfellow Metals, 2.20; N.A.P.P. Pharmaceutical Laboratories, 3.40; and later he attends a reception and dinner, Wolfson College, 6.40.

The Duke of Kent, as President, unveils a painting commemorating the Falklands Campaign at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, 6.15.

The Duchess of Kent visits RAF St Mawgan, near Newquay, Cornwall, 11.30.

New exhibitions

Watercolours by Shirley Harrell; The Portico Library and Gallery, 57 Mosley St, Manchester; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 4.30 (ends March 1).

Fine Art Sculpture; Norwich School of Art Gallery St George St, Norwich; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Feb 14).

Exhibitions in progress

Inside Out: sculpture by Tony Bottell and etchings by Maggie Clyde; Foyer Gallery, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes; Mon to Fri 9 to 5.15 (ends March 1).

Recent work by Steve Groom; Stantonbury Gallery, Stantonbury Campus, Milton Keynes; Mon to Sun 9 to 9 (ends Feb 23).

Scottish Young Contemporaries; Talbot Rice Art Centre, Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 11 to 5 (ends Feb 9).

Pictures from No Man's Land: St Margaret's Girls' School by Dave Williams; Stills Gallery, 105 High St, Edinburgh; Tues to Sat 12.30 to 6 (ends March 16).

Working for Britain: British Council exhibition; City Art Centre, Market St, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 6 (ends March 2).

Bradford International Print Biennial; Artspace Galleries, Gallery 1, 21 Castle St, Aberdeen; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30 (ends Feb 27).

Music

Concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra; Arts Centre, Warwick University, Coventry, 8.

Concert by the Scottish Baroque Ensemble, Henry Wood Hall, Glasgow, 7.30.

Concert by the Scottish National Orchestra, Caird Hall, Dundee, 7.30.

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra; Winter Gardens, Bournemouth, 7.30.

Recital by Francesca Greene (soprano) and Leon Coates (piano); The Magdalen Chapel, Cowgate, Edinburgh, 1.15.

Concert by the Fine Arts Brass Ensemble; Retford Town Hall, Nottingham, 7.30.

Concert by the Delme String Quartet; The Central School, Rushcliffe Rd, Grantham, Lincs, 7.30.

Recital by Michael Burch (tenor) and Wainwright Morgan (piano); Essex University, Colchester, 1.

Anniversaries

Births: **Anne**, reigned 1702-14, London, 1665; **Ugo Foscolo**, poet and novelist, Zakinthos, Greece, 1778; Sir **Charles Wheatstone**, physicist, Gloucester, 1802; Sir **Henry Irving**, Keinton Mandeville, Somerset, 1838; **William Murphy**, physician, Nobel laureate 1934, Stoughton, Wisconsin, 1892.

Deaths: **Charles II**, reigned 1660-85, London, 1685; **Lancelot ("Capability") Brown**, garden designer, 1783; **Carlo Goldoni**, dramatist, Paris, 1793; **George VI**, reigned 1936-52, Sandringham, 1952.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Motion on rate capping.

Lords (2.30): Debate on civil defence and debate on prescribing of drugs.

£250,000 bond

The winning number of this months £250,000 Premium Bond prize is: 9 TB 769829. The winner lives in Essex.

Roads

Wales and West. A55: Repairs to road subsidence at Llanfairfechan, between Conwy and Bangor; temporary lights control single alternate line traffic; delays. M4: Lane restrictions between junctions 32 (Cardiff) and 34 (Rhondda); carriageway closure in both directions between junctions 38 (Port Talbot) and 40 (A4107).

The North: A1: Junction improvement work at Barnsdale Bar on southbound carriageway; near-side lane closed for a distance. A57: Resurfacing in three locations from fence to M1; traffic controls in operation.

Scotland: A84: Road repairs N of Strathyre: Single line traffic Mon to Fri; delays at peak periods. A9: Road construction N of Aberuthven.

Information supplied by the AA

Best wines

In a blind tasting of 48 white burgandies under £5 the following were chosen as best value for money:
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Source: *What Wine?*, Feb 1985.

The papers

The Daily Star, commenting on the decision by some local authorities to deduct pay from teachers who take industrial action today, says: "About time too. Teachers have to be taught the simple lesson that those willing to use militant tactics against children must suffer the consequences. And they stand to lose a lot more than a pay claim."

The Daily Mirror, commenting on the miners' strike, says: "The Coal Board says one thing, the energy minister, Mr Peter Walker, says another. His deputy, Mr David Hunt, appears to say a third and Downing Street says they are all wrong." The paper adds: "No one knows whether the miners have to give a written guarantee to accept pit closures or a written guarantee to discuss them, or whether an agreement to put them on the agenda will be enough."

The pound

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France Fr	11.32	10.77
Germany DM	3.72	3.54
Greece Dr	160.00	149.00
Hong Kong $	9.06	8.49
Ireland Pt	1.20	1.14
Italy Lire	2280.00	2170.00
Japan Yen	362.00	286.00
Netherlands Gld	4.20	4.00
Norway Kr	10.70	10.20
Portugal Esc	203.00	193.00
South Africa Rd	2.50	2.25
Spain Pta	204.00	194.00
Sweden Kr	10.56	10.06
Switzerland Fr	3.14	3.00
USA $	1.156	1.106
Yugoslavia Dnr	280.00	274.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC.
Retail Price Index: 358.5.
London: The *FT* Index closed up 14.1 at 982.4.

New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
An Outstretched Arm, A History of the Jewish Colonization Association, by Theodore Norman (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £15).
Bloomsbury Aesthetics and the Novels of Forster and Woolf, by David Dowling (Macmillan, £22.50).
Diocletian, by Stephen Williams (Batsford, £17.50).
Distinction, A Social Critique of the Judgement of Taste, by Pierre Bourdieu, translated by Richard Nice (Routledge and Kegan Paul, £30).
From Time Immemorial, The Origins of the Arab-Jewish Conflict over Palestine, by Joan Peters (Michael Joseph, £15).
Iacocca, by Lee Iacocca (Sidgwick & Jackson, £12.95).
Principles of Language and Mind, An Evolutionary Theory of Meaning, by TP Waldron (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £14.95).
The Collected Essays of Christopher Hill, Writing and Revolution in 17th Century England (Harvester, £28.50).
The Forgotten Collector, Augustus Wollaston Franks of the British Museum, by David M Wilson (Thames & Hudson, £4.50).
Those I Have Known, by Anwar El-Sadat (Cape, £8.95). PH

Weather forecast

Weakening troughs of low pressure will move N across most parts.

6 am to midnight

London, SE England, East Anglia: Bright or sunny intervals, mainly dry; wind S moderate; max temp 9C (48F).

Central S, NW, central N England, Midlands, N Wales, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland: Bright at first, rain later; wind S moderate; max temp 9C (48C).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Outbreaks of rain, hill and coastal fog, drier later; wind S moderate or fresh; max temp 10C (50F).

E, NE England; Lake District, Borders, SW Scotland, Argyll: Rather cloudy, some sunny intervals developing; wind S moderate; max temp 9C (48F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberden, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland: Cloudy some bright or sunny intervals, mainly dry; wind SE veering S moderate or fresh; max temp 8C (46F).

Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, some sunny intervals; wind E moderate or fresh; max temp 5C (41F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Most districts cloudy with outbreaks of rain, but some sleet or snow in the extreme N; generally mild or very mild, rather cold in the far N.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: Wind light variable; visibility moderate; sea smooth. Strait of Dover: Wind light variable becoming moderate S; fair; visibility moderate or poor; sea slight. English Channel (E): Wind S moderate or fresh, rain later; visibility moderate with fog patches; sea slight or moderate. St Georges Channel, Irish Sea: Wind S Moderate or fresh, rain at times; visibility moderate with fog patches; sea slight or moderate.

Sun rises: 7.31 am. Sun sets: 4.59 pm.
Moon sets: 8.30 am. Moon rises: 6.03 pm.
Last quarter: February 12.

Lighting-up time

London 5.29 pm to 6.59 am
Bristol 5.39 pm to 7.09 am
Edinburgh 5.27 pm to 7.26 am
Manchester 5.31 pm to 7.14 am
Penzance 5.55 pm to 7.17 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloudy; f, fair; r, rain; s, sunny.

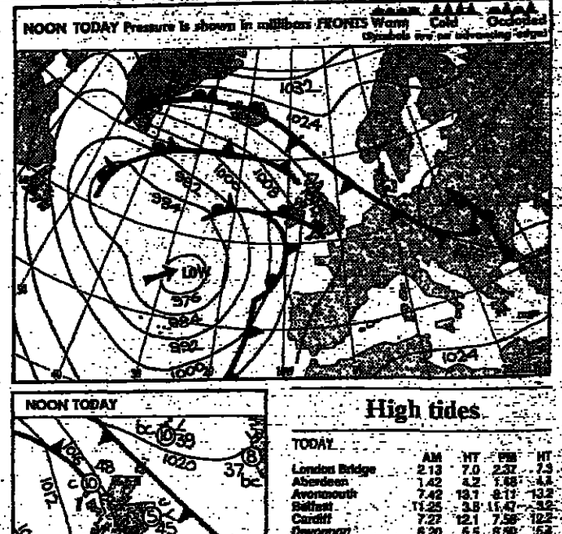
	C	F		C	F
Belfast	s 8	46	Guernsey	s 11	52
Birmingham	s 6	43	Inverness	s 5	41
Blackpool	s 8	46	Jersey	s 11	52
Bristol	c 6	43	London	s 7	45
Cardiff	c 5	41	Manchester	f 9	48
Edinburgh	c 5	41	Newcastle	c 6	43
Glasgow	f 7	45	Ronaldsway	s 7	45

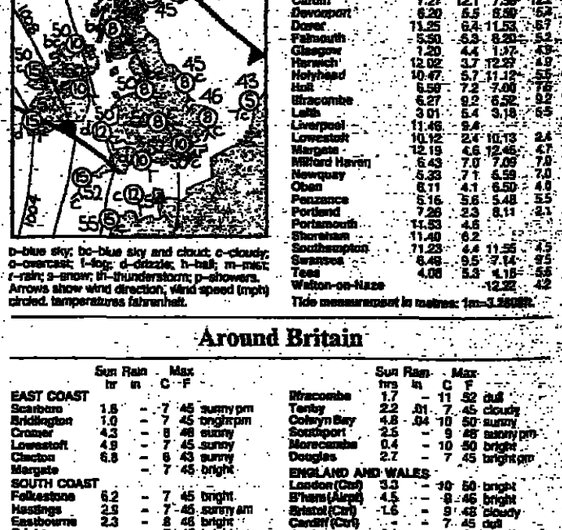
London

Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F). Humidity: 6 pm, 71 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 8.3hr. Bar. mean sea level: 6 pm, 1,015 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Penzance, 0.08 in; highest sunshine: Stornoway, Kinloss, 7.0 hr.





b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction; wind speed (mph) circled; temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.13	7.0	2.37	7.3
Aberdeen	1.42	4.2	1.58	4.3
Avonmouth	7.42	13.1	8.11	13.2
Belfast	11.25	3.8	11.47	3.2
Cardiff	7.27	12.1	7.56	12.2
Devonport	6.20	5.5	6.50	5.7
Dover	11.25	6.4	11.53	6.7
Falmouth	5.50	5.3	6.20	5.2
Glasgow	1.20	4.4	1.37	4.5
Harwich	12.02	4.7	12.39	4.9
Holyhead	10.47	5.7	11.12	5.5
Hull	6.59	7.2	7.08	7.0
Ilfracombe	5.27	9.2	5.52	9.0
Leith	3.01	5.4	3.18	5.5
Liverpool	11.46	9.4		
Lowestoft	10.12	2.4	10.13	2.4
Margate	12.19	4.6	12.46	4.7
Milford Haven	5.43	7.0	7.09	7.0
Newquay	5.33	7.1	6.59	7.0
Oban	6.11	4.1	6.50	4.0
Penzance	5.16	5.6	5.48	5.5
Portland	7.25	2.3	8.11	2.3
Portsmouth	11.55	4.6		
Shoreham	11.40	6.2		
Southampton	11.23	4.4	11.55	4.5
Swansea	6.46	9.5	7.14	9.5
Tees	4.08	5.3	4.18	5.5
Walton-on-Naze			12.32	4.2

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.28ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	F	
EAST COAST					
Scarborough	1.8	–	7	45	sunny pm
Bridlington	1.0	–	7	45	bright pm
Cromer	4.3	–	8	46	sunny
Lowestoft	4.9	–	7	45	sunny
Clacton	6.8	–	6	43	sunny
Margate		–	7	45	bright
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	6.2	–	7	45	bright
Hastings	2.9	–	7	45	sunny am
Eastbourne	2.3	–	8	46	bright
Brighton		–	8	46	bright
Worthing	4.2	–	8	46	bright
Littlehmpton					
Bognor R	4.5	–	8	46	sunny pm
Southsea	3.9	–	9	48	cloudy
Sandown	3.8	–	8	46	sunny pm
Shanklin	2.6	–	10	50	cloudy
Bournemth	1.2	–	9	48	cloudy
Poole	0.9	–	10	50	cloudy
Swanage	2.1	–	10	50	cloudy
Weymouth	1.3	–	11	52	cloudy
Exmouth	1.2	–	10	50	cloudy
Teignmouth	0.1	–	12	54	cloudy
Torquay	0.4	–	12	54	cloudy
Falmouth	0.5	–	12	54	cloudy
Penzance	1.9	.06	13	55	showers pm
Jersey	5.1	–	11	52	sunny
Guernsey	5.2	–	15	59	sunny
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	0.1	.06	11	52	rain pm
Newquay	1.3	–	13	55	rain pm
Ilfracombe	1.7	–	11	52	dull
Torbay	2.2	.01	7	45	cloudy
Coleyn Bay	4.8	.04	10	50	sunny
Southport	2.5	–	9	48	sunny pm
Morecambe	3.0	–	10	50	bright
Douglas	2.7	–	7	45	bright pm
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Cty)	3.3	–	10	50	bright
H'throw (Airpt)	4.5	–	9	48	bright
Bristol (Cty)	1.6	–	9	48	cloudy
Cardiff (Cty)		–	7	45	dull
Anglesey	6.1	–	11	52	sunny
Liverpool (Airpt)	3.2	–	10	50	bright
Blanchester	3.0	–	11	52	bright
Nottingham	3.0	–	8	46	bright
N'cstle-n-Tyne		–	7	45	bright pm
Carlisle	4.0	–	9	48	bright
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir		–	5	41	bright
Prestwick	4.5	–	9	48	cloudy
Glasgow	0.9	–	8	43	cloudy
Tiree	3.0	–	8	46	bright
Stornoway	7.9	–	8	46	sunny
Lerwick	1.7	–	7	45	showers pm
Wick	2.7	–	8	46	bright
Kinloss	7.0	–	10	50	sunny
Aberdeen	4.0	–	10	50	sunny
St. Andrews		–	8	43	cloudy
Edinburgh		–	8	43	dull
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast		5.6	–	8	48 sunny

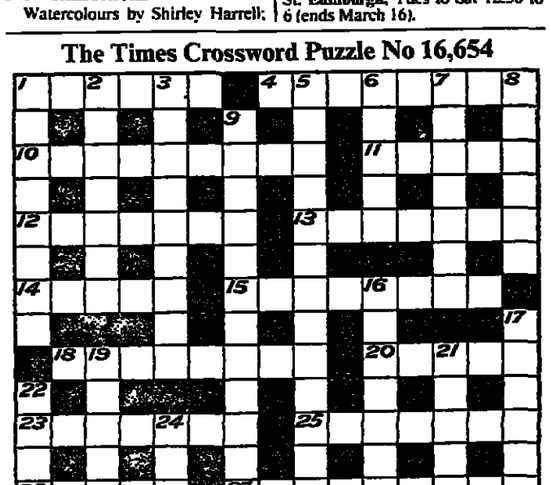
Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

	C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	s 9	48	Cologne	s 6	43
Amstrdm	s 9	48	Copenhgn	c 0	32
Alexandria*	f 18	64	Corfu	s 12	54
Algiers	s 19	66	Dublin	r 9	48
Amsterdam	s 6	43	Dubrovnik	s 8	46
Athens	s 9	48	Faro	c 16	61
Bahrain	s 21	70	Florence	c 11	52
Barbados	s 27	81	Frankfurt	s 4	39
Barcelona	s 13	55	Funchal	c 18	64
Beirut			Geneva	s 4	39
Belgrade	c 2	36	Gibraltar	f 15	59
Berlin	r 4	39	Helsinki	s -14	7
Bermuda*	c 18	64	Hong Kong	f 20	68
Biarritz			Innsbruck	s 9	48
Boulogne	s 6	43	Istanbul	s 2	36
Bordeaux			Jeddah		
Brussels	s 6	43	Jo'burg*		
Budapest	c 0	32	Kuwait	s 20	68
Buen Aires*	s 27	81	Las Palmas	f 20	68
Cairo	c 14	57	Lisbon	f 16	61
Cape Tn	s 25	77	Locarno	s 5	33
Chiasco	c -18	64	L'Angeles*	s 9	48
Chicago	c -10	14	Luxmbrg	s -4	25
Clrshurst*			Madrid	f 13	55
Majorca	f 15	59	Rome	c 12	54
Malaga	s 17	63	Salzburg	c -2	28
Malta	f 15	59	San Paulo*	c 31	88
Melbourne*	c 25	77	S Francisco*	s 9	48
Mexico C			Santiago*		
Milan	s 2	36	Seoul	f 10	50
Montreal*	c -3	27	Singapore	f 31	88
Moscow*	f -13	9	Stockholm	c -2	28
Munich	s 6	43	Strasbourg	c 3	37
Nairobi	f 27	81	Sydney*	s 29	84
Naples	f 10	50	Tel Aviv	s 19	66
New Delhi	s 18	64	Tenerife	s 20	68
New York	s -2	28	Tokyo	s 9	48
Nice			Toronto	c -7	19
Oslo	c -3	27	Tunis	f 18	64
Paris	s 7	45	Vancouver	s 7	45
Peking	s 10	50	Venice	c 3	37
Perth*	s 32	90	Vienna	c 0	32
Prague	c 5	41	Warsaw	c -1	30
Reykjavik	c -2	28	Wellington*	c 19	66
Rhodes	s 9	48	Winnipeg	c -18	0
Riyadh	s 27	81	Zurich	c 1	34

*Denotes Monday's figures are latest available

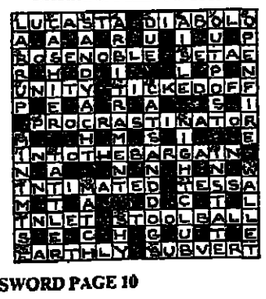
Crossword Puzzle No 16,654



ACROSS
1 One of the strings in a racket (6).
4 Lowering boat to fish (8).
10 Utter two dismissals (3,3,3).
11 Myself, I never held with mischief (5).
12 Pleased about having passed (7).
13 Every other peanut there able to give great pleasure (7).
14 Take steps against the state (5).
15 I'm out so I'm in so I'm left out (8).
18 One bird born outside, one in captivity (8).
20 Keep at arm's length and dance round quietly (5).
23 Former Middle Eastern organization – it is put to good use (7).
25 Tough outlaw, no saint in a squalid district (7).
26 Test depth of water in the channel (5).
27 Sort of fine story that cannot be told (9).
28 Cheap accommodation for a course (8).
29 Cords put round possibly female fairy (6).

DOWN
1 A city girl (8).
2 To alight, boy gets up and drops (7).
3 Change places and improve on nature (9).
5 A fiery revolutionary (9,5).
6 With difficulty obtain a little sleep, we hear (5).
7 Without a break, he'll conclude the number (7).
8 Tame maggot (6).
9 Layabout well-behaved, in vain (4-3-7).
16 Out East our flowers disintegrate – how sad! (9).
17 Characteristic of sylphs – heartless servility (8).
19 The god to write uplifting music (7).
21 Hat in defensive position (7).
22 Survives possibly without IV or V (6).
24 Instruct society to tidy up (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16653



CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play
Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.
Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.
If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim
Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.
You must have your card with you when you telephone.
If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.
No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.
The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.
● Some Times Portfolio cards include minor misprints in the instructions on the reverse side. These cards are not invalidated.
● The wording of Rules 2 and 3 has been expanded from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before.

Snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off-Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Andorra-Soldeu	20	50	fair	varied	poor	sun	4
Good skiing on upper slopes							
Arosa	72	110	good	powder	fair	fine	2
New snow on good base							
Courmayeur	60	200	good	crust	fair	cloud	5
Bare patches on lower slopes							
Grindelwald	15	60	fair	heavy	fair	fine	6
Upper slopes good, lower worn							
Igls	0	40	good	far	closed	sun	0
Good skiing on upper slopes							
Klosters	40	170	good	varied	fair	fine	0
Good skiing on upper slopes							
La Plagne	60	170	worn	varied	poor	fair	2
Icy patches on many slopes							
Leysin	10	60	fair	spring	poor	fine	2
Spring skiing							
Murren	15	80	fair	heavy	fair	fine	3
Slush on lower slopes							
St Anton	40	220	good	varied	fair	fine	4
Good piste skiing							
Sestefd	25	50	worn	heavy	bad	fair	6
Icy upper slopes							
Val Thorens	70	180	good	varied	fair	fine	-3
South facing slopes icy							
Zermatt	20	80	fair	crust	poor	sun	8
Warm weather affecting lower slopes							

In the above reports, supplied by the Ski Club of Great Britain representatives, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. Other snow reports page 20.

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